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THE LINK

November

A row of colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, yellow, and green, positioned below the word 'November'.

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,

Driving back from Barnsley this evening over Woodhead, it suddenly struck me how quickly it gets dark in an evening now. How do you feel about these dark evenings – and dark mornings? I take Ruby, our dog for a walk every morning, and whilst it can be lovely in summer (spring/early summer, watching the sun rise) autumn and winter mornings are dark but quiet and peaceful. I know many people don't like walking in the dark, but I find the dark mornings more pleasurable than the light mornings – especially in the unlit park. It gives me time in the quiet to think. Ruby is happy, she doesn't seem to be phased by the lack of light. Her dark eyesight is obviously better than mine.

I often wonder how and why we think of the dark as being evil; our Bible tells us that Jesus is the light of the world that overcomes all darkness. We often think of this as being a physical manifestation, whereas I think what is really meant is that Jesus is the Light that overcomes the darkness in our minds (and actions) that may be creating other problems in our lives, both emotional and physical.

We have no need to fear the physical darkness, after all the physical dark is only a lack of a small band of electromagnetic radiation between Infrared and Ultraviolet.

God is present in the physical dark just as he is present in the physical light.

We just need to remember to let the light of Jesus, be with us at all times, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, day or night, and let that light bring us the peace of God, to overcome any darkness that may be in our lives.

May God's peace be with us all, *Mike Aspinall*

Finding God in Scripture

STRONG SUPPORT IN CHRIST



Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. Ecclesiastes 4 v9
NIV

A runner in the London Marathon experienced why it's vital not to run the big race alone. After months of gruelling preparation, the man wanted to finish strong. But as he stumbled towards the finish line he found himself doubled over from exhaustion and on the verge of collapsing. Before he fell to the ground, two fellow participants grabbed his arms - one on his left and the other on his right - and helped the struggling runner complete the course.

Like that runner, the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us of several important advantages that come from having others run the race of life with us. Solomon set forth the principle that *two are better than one* (v9). He shed a spotlight on the advantages of joint effort and mutual toil. He also wrote that partnership can lead to *a good return for their labour* (v9). During times of difficulty, a companion is there to *help the other up* (v10). When nights are dark and cold, friends can huddle together to *keep warm* (v11). And, during danger, *two can defend themselves* against an assailant (v12). Those whose lives are woven together can possess great strength.

With all our weaknesses and frailties, we need the strong support and security of a community of believers in Jesus. Let's press on together as He leads us!

MARVIN WILLIAMS

Why is companionship with other believers in Jesus so important in life's race? How can you improve the quality of your community in Him?

Dear God, please help me build a healthy community in Christ.

Taken from Our Daily Bread publication. odb.org / 0153 956 41 49



Coffee and Cake, Conversation, Games and Jigsaws - every Wednesday during school term time, 10am-12noon at St. Martin's Church Hall, Brabyns Brow, Marple Bridge.

Charity Christmas Cards event with cakes, raffle, soup, tea, coffee etc. on Saturday 1st November 11am-1.30pm at Marple Methodist Church.

'SING OUT' at the Ridge Methodist Church on Thursday November 6th 7:00-8:00 pm



Heritage Talk at St. Martin's, Marple Bridge on Saturday 15th November - 2.30-4.00 pm

'AFTERNOON TEA' at the Ridge Methodist Church on Saturday 29th November 1:00-3:00pm.



All welcome to the above events.

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

NB: last date for Joint December/January articles is Sunday November 23rd

From Terry Lomax (MB)

Further to Revd Jonnie's opening letter in the Link regarding the local boundary changes, up to 1936 Marple Bridge and Mellor were in Derbyshire, the boundary being the River Goyt. It became part of Cheshire until April 1974. We've been in Greater Manchester for 13 years more than in Cheshire.

On the last boundary change I was a member of Cheshire Constabulary. I was on the night shift so at midnight I had to change to GMP. I had to change my number, uniform badges, forms and adapt to new procedures. All ties to Cheshire were cut at midnight. It was strange having to switch during my shift.



From Margaret Bailey (MB)

Recorder Ensemble Group

Three of us have started playing trios together using descant, treble and tenor recorders and one lady is a Quaker, one from Marple URC and myself.

We are very much at the early stages and so the music is not difficult. If you would like to give it a go please get in contact with me. I have a few spare recorders to loan out, but not a tenor. We meet once a month at my house.



Looking forward to building up a church group.

From Rev Alison Termie – PART ONE OF MY TRAVELS

Dear Friends,

I thought you might like to hear what ‘bucket list’ fun I have been having following your very generous retirement gift to me in January. Travel was quite high on my list so when, in March, I came across the URC Waldensian fellowship plans for a trip to Sicily in October I was hooked.

The Waldensians are an Italian reformed church formed in the valleys of the Western Piedmont in the 13th century and suffering persecution until in mid-19th century when they received the right to freedom of faith and the church spread throughout Italy and in South America by emigration.

The URC Waldensian fellowship grew out of ecumenical discussions in 1980. Although ministers and pastors have enjoyed the opportunities to train and work together at times over the years the main work of the fellowship was to build relationships between the members of local congregations and to share the challenges and joys of local mission in very diverse settings. Since the 1980s, in alternating years, groups of URC members have been welcomed in Waldensian churches and projects and groups of Waldensians have visited URC Congregations and projects.

So it was that on 30th September, 17 individuals from around the UK landed in Palermo on the north coast of Sicily and met up in the Albergo Athenaeum hotel where we were to stay for 4 nights.

..... to be continued in December/January Link

From Ian Kenna (M)

PRAYER

Spirit, use me today,
not in some miracle
that would make others marvel
and would make me proud.

Not in the word of wisdom
that would stay in the mind
and make me always remembered.

Not in the heroic act
that would change the world for the better
and me for the worse.

But in the mundane miracles
of honesty and truth
that keep the sky from falling.

In the unremembered quiet words
that keep a soul on the path.
and in the unnoticed acts
that keep the world moving
slowly closer to the light.

Grahame Davies

URC Prayer Handbook



From Revd. Margaret Dexter-Brown.

SIMPLY THANK YOU

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me at the time of my Ordination as an NSM Local into the ministry of Hatherlow and George Lane, Marple and Marple



Bridge churches on 5th October. Hatherlow and George Lane hosted the event and I have been asked by those who attended to express their sincere thanks for all their hard work and the amazing food they prepared and served, but not least the welcome extended to all.

Whether you were present at the service, presented me with gifts, sent a card, shared kind words, or prayed for me, your support has meant more than words can express - not just on 'the day' but over the last few years. I am really appreciative of the love, encouragement, and sense of community I have experienced. Please continue to hold me in your prayers, as I begin this new part of my ministry journey. I look forward to all that is before me as I continue to serve alongside you all. With thanks.

Blessings, Margaret



A beautiful stole was presented to Margaret on behalf of all the churches by Lynne Cruickshank (MB)

From Janet Jones (MB)

A poem written by Eva Jones at Stockport School – won 1st place in a poetry competition.

Show Racism the Red Card - Each New Face

Morning, I look in the mirror and smile, proud of the way I look - my eyes, my body, my skin.

I am who I am and I am beautiful - yet I take one step outside and some woman in her 40s calls me a slur that makes my blood boil. It's just words, I've been called worst but she meant to hurt me and she did. Each time she heckles me on the street, it feels like a dagger slicing open my heart and letting all my self-love pour out.

Morning, I look in the mirror and smile, proud of the way I look - my eyes, my body, my skin.

I am who I am and I am beautiful. Walking into my college I pass by Charlie, and Jeremy, and Suzy and Gabriel, and Cassidy who smirks as she asks what I have for lunch - "Rice? Dog?" she mockingly asks. She points to a poster, one of a maths tournament. It's the fifth time this week, tenth this fortnight. I'm used to her behaviour by now by sometimes someone tells her to "Shut it". She responds with her usual "It's just banter". It's not - I'm not laughing, I'm not smiling. Her comments rob me of my pride, making me want to curl up and cry.



Morning, I look in the mirror and smile, proud of the way I look - my eyes, my body, my skin.

I am who I am and I am beautiful, but I reach the bus stop and a man grabs the hijab on my head, tugging it while spewing horrible accusations and hateful comments. I cry out as I'm thrown to the

ground and he spits at me. Poking fun at my religion. I just want to scream

Morning, I look in the mirror and smile, proud of the way I look - my eyes, my body, my skin.

I am who I am and I believed I was beautiful. But how can I be beautiful when to everyone else I'm ... wrong.

From Colin Hughes (MB)



In September over 30 people from our Church Partnership Group enjoyed a very nice meal at the Pack Horse near New Mills. It was an opportunity to meet and chat with people from our churches. The food was excellent and we all hope to do it again soon. Thanks to Janet Hughes for organising it.



The next Pastorate meal will be on Thursday 11th December at 12.30 pm at Luther King House. Please let Janet know by 29th November if you would like to go.

From Ian Kenna (M)

MR. ROBIN

What a beautiful song you sing,
Mr. Robin.
I love how it opens the sky
Leaving room
For a thousand kinds of delight.



Why is it you sing,
Mr Robin?
Did you receive a promotion at work?
Did you clinch the deal?
Did you buy yourself a little something?

What a notion.
I think you sing
Because you are alive;
You lack the things to which people cling,
And that is glorious.



Gideon Heugh -Used with kind permission of the author and Tearfund.

From Ian Kenna (M)

GOOD NEWS

Scientists say they may have made the biggest breakthrough in treating cervical cancer in 20 years by using a course of cheap existing chemotherapy drugs ahead of radiotherapy treatment. Trials show this cuts the risk of women dying or the cancer returning by more than a third. Meanwhile the next generation is being protected across the world thanks to the rollout of a vaccine that reduces the risk of this type of cancer. The HPV vaccine has been offered to 12 to 13- year-old girls in British schools since 2008. More than 280 million doses have been given worldwide. The World Health Organisation predicts that girls will be protected by the end of the decade in every country. *Sunday Times Magazine*

BITS AND PIECES

On Sunday 9th November, Remembrance Day, I have the privilege of taking part in the Service of Remembrance in our Church. In villages, towns and cities throughout the UK the nation will, for a little while, stop and reflect on the loss of so many lives over so many wars. This year it is the centenary of the unveiling of the War Memorial to the men of Tintwistle who died in the 1914 to 1918 war that was the war "to end all wars." Since then more names have been added; those who died in the 1939 to 1945 war and still more names of deaths in other conflicts around the world. Today we can witness on the TV, the death and destruction taking place in Ukraine and Gaza, and according to Google there are 30 other "killing fields" around the world taking place now.

Is there no end to death and violence? The question has been asked so many times, and yet and yet ... with all the achievements in human history, in science, the arts, in social living, the human race wants more and to get it if necessary by force.

The painting *The Resurrection of the Soldiers* by Sir Stanley Spencer (1891 to 1959) is part of a mural in Sandham Memorial Chapel, Burghclere, Nr. Newbury, Hampshire. Stanley served in the First World War as a medical orderly on the Macedonian front and later drew on his experiences to create this masterpiece. The soldiers emerge from their graves through a tangle of crosses shaking hands with their resurrected comrades, who are cleaning buttons and winding puttees. They give their crosses to Christ - the figure in white at the centre and top of the painting.



Stanley Spencer was made an official war artist in both world wars. He was knighted in 1959.

We pray for peace, Keith

From Jill Kenna (M)

A Crackerless Christmas?

Transform Trade are encouraging people to support them this year by considering an alternative to Christmas Crackers. An estimated 40 million Christmas Crackers will head straight to landfill this year - in the UK alone. A few seconds of enjoyment for a near eternity of plastic waste.



This year they are asking us to give up on plastic fish and toy frogs to help the kind of small-scale producers who feed and clothe most of the world - but see so little of the benefit.

For a £20 donation to support producers around the world, they'll send you the [Crackerless Christmas celebration pack.](#)

It's designed with a simple goal... to make you and your loved ones smile. There are 3 things inside each Crackerless Christmas celebration pack

- A pre-dinner address - to read out when you would normally pull your crackers
- Producer cards - to pass round and show the incredible difference your donation makes
- Table Talk challenges - to do together and get everyone smiling and talking

Everything they raise will help producers to trade in an eco-friendly way AND get a fairer deal for their hard work.

If you really cannot manage without crackers, please would you consider buying environmentally plastic free ones?

Thank you.

From Ruth Miller (Hatherlow and George Lane)

CRAFT-A-NOON 1.30 - 4 p.m. and then each first and third Tuesday in the month. All welcome.

TUESDAY CLUB 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!

From Lynne Cruickshank (MB)

**Brief Report of the Main Points of Discussion at the
North West Synod Meeting on Saturday 18th October at
Lancaster University**

- A person has been nominated to become Moderator for the Northwest Synod next year when our Interim Moderator's term of office ends. Certain protocols now need to be followed before the name can be released.
- Following an extensive and comprehensive review about the role of our Mission Mentors it has been agreed to pause all training programmes/ away days run by the Mission Mentors whilst the following areas of their role is considered: To look at the Mission Mentors as a team and how they can be used more effectively and strategically throughout the Synod, and to work out role specifications for them. Mission Mentors will still, however, continue their work in Sacrament training, funding applications, safeguarding and eco work. Our Mission Mentor is Liz Delafield.
- The Synod is still seeking someone for the role of Synod Treasurer as this post is presently vacant.
- The role of a Transitional Minister for the Synod has been discontinued.
- Two new ministers have been ordained within the Synod, these being Rev. Margaret Dexter Brown and Rev. Noma Mirambe.
- Jane Kear has completed her Lay Preacher training and is now living in Scotland.
- The Church Life Review. (CLR) This work began at General Assembly of the URC in 2021 and has now completed Phases 1 and 2 of its research throughout all 13 Synods. It will present its findings and proposals to an Extraordinary General Assembly in November this year. The desire is to begin to offer support to all local churches, helping to reduce their administrative burdens and thus encourage the growth of existing and new worshipping communities of faith in many and varied ways. Each of the 13 Synods is being asked to

consider making a contribute financially to a CLR fund to enable this to happen early in 2026. This financial support was agreed in principle with the amount to be proposed at a further Extraordinary N.W. Synod meeting to be held on Zoom one evening before mid-November.

- Deployment of Stipendiary Ministers throughout the NW Synod- after much consultation with all the churches in the Synod about the best way of spreading our Stipendiary ministry throughout the vast Synod area and following an allowance figure worked out by the Ministries Dept for the URC, our current deployment target is 23 ministers. We presently are very close to this limit with 2 posts advertised and other posts filled. (10 Synods have more vacancies than us!) Discussion on proposed plans for spreading stipendiary ministry proved challenging with many expressing their worries and concerns for those ministers who may be left to work alone in their role in a given area, either by movement of Missional Partnership boundaries, or by vacancies being ongoing/ unfilled. It was agreed that as churches in Missional Partnerships we need to be more generous in sharing our stipendiary ministry time more effectively to allow those churches needing more at any one time to have more of the Minister's time. Two resolutions on this matter were thus withdrawn by the Synod Exec. With the topic now to be discussed further at Spring Synod 2026.
- No date has been decided yet for the Synod in March 2026.

From Phil Taylor (Hatherlow & George Lane

Bread of Life

In the heart of the kitchen, the baker kneads,
A loaf for the table, from the harvest's seeds.
Golden grains transformed, by warmth and skill,
Bread of life, on the windowsill.
Each slice a story, of sun and rain,
Of patient waiting, of joy and pain.
A simple loaf, yet it holds the essence,
Of the [harvest festival](#), and its timeless lessons.



From Margaret Bailey (MB)

A date for your diary

On Sunday 7th December at Marple Bridge URC at 6:00pm, there will be a concert entitled .. '**Marple Bridge-mas!** - featuring beautiful festive music, old and new, for acoustic instruments and voices featuring the RNCM's Juna Quartet'. The concert will last for about an hour (no interval). Entry is by donation with proceeds to The Wellspring . Tickets are available (phone 0161 427 1715) or on the door (subject to availability). Mulled wine, non-alcoholic drinks and mince pies will be served after the concert.

MARPLE NEWS & NOTICES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

wishes in November go to:

Kath Leardodd (16th)

Services in November

Please note Services start at 10:30am

2nd Joint Service at Marple URC –

Revd. David Jenkins (Communion)

9th Joint Service at Marple Methodist Church –

Deacon Judith Laycock – Remembrance Sunday

16th Joint Service at Marple Bridge Church –

Revd Margaret Dexter-Brown

23rd Revd Paul Frampton

30th Frank Dean



MARPLE At our Harvest Festival we collected 13 carrier bags of food and toiletries and £76. 70. When I delivered these to Wellspring, I only carried a couple of the bags when two very willing client helpers took over and wouldn't let me carry any more.

Ian Kenna (M)

From Sue Ardern

Marple URC Handbells team are seeking NEW members to join the group. Practise evenings are: Tuesdays from 7pm-9p.m at Marple URC in Hibbert Lane.



Churches Together Litter Pick on Saturday 18th October.



With grateful thanks to lead and co-ordinating Methodist members, and Stockport Council for supplying essentials for the task. Approximately 14 people in the group - from various churches - helped to clear litter from parts of Marple.

Photo credit: Phil Le Sueur."

STRICTLY COME TOGETHER

Wednesday Mornings at Marple URC 10.30am-12.00

NOVEMBER - All are welcome

All are welcome

- 5th 'Books of the Bible' (Jenny Austen)
- 12th 'Possessions and Memories'
- 19th 'Ministering in Manchester' (David Jenkins)
- 26th Marple URC Hand Bell Ringers

STRICTLY COME CRAFT

On Saturday 15th November 4pm-6pm

For children and their families

At Marple United Reformed Church



MARPLE BRIDGE NEWS & NOTICES



Congratulations to John
Northover who celebrates his
80th birthday on 23rd November.



Services in November

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**2nd Joint Service at Marple URC –
Rev. David Jenkins**

**9th Joint Service at Marple Methodist Church –
Judith Laycock – Remembrance Sunday**

**16th Joint Service at Marple Bridge Church –
Rev. Margaret Dexter-Brown (Communion)**

23rd Rev. Jonnie Hill

30th Rev. Jenny Austen – Toy Service

The next Working Party at MB will be on

Saturday 8th November

All Welcome



From Cath Brown

Harvesting

My dad was a keen gardener and all through my childhood he could be seen outside tending his plants in all weathers. He would grow all types of flowers, but mostly enjoyed growing fruit and vegetables. After he died, mum and I attempted to carry on his speciality, that was his runner beans, but unfortunately after a couple of years mum found the regular watering a bit too much, and sadly it came to an end.



The fruit however was a different story, that decided itself it would keep on growing without hardly any attention from us. While



harvesting it came to me how fruit plants are very much like people with their different personalities and seem to talk to you! Raspberries, for instance, are very compliant and say to you “I’m easy going, one little pull and I’m all yours.” Blackcurrants and

redcurrants say “We're delicate please handle us with care or we easily squash”. The apples. -“A little twist, I’ll drop, but if you

don’t hurry I’ll get fed up with waiting, fall and

bruise.” Strawberries “I’m easy to snap off, but

please hurry before the slugs get me” Blackberries,

well they grow in abundance, but watch out for the



many spikey thorns, and the Gooseberries, well you are lucky if you come out alive, or at least with all

limbs attached. Their thorns are lethal

and these little fruits put up a resistance

to be picked at all. But isn’t creation



marvellous?

It’s 22 years since my Dad died, and these little plants,

bushes and trees would have been planted donkeys years before

that. To me it’s nothing short of a miracle; year after year they

delight and surprise us with their appearance. Just as the sun

rises each day and the seasons follow on each year, and the birth

of a beautiful Granddaughter, God’s miracles are going on all

around us, we just have to be open to see them and feel their

healing power.

Prayer by Eddie Askew and Jenny Hawke

Lord, let me never lose this child-like wonder at your astonishing world. Your gift to me, to us, to be surrounded always by star upon star, by the constant change of sea and sky, by leaf-fall and blessed new growth, by fluted birdsong as day fades to dusk. Thank you for your creation, a constant joy, and a reminder of your love, and your greater plan for us all. I am so grateful. Amen.

From Chris Lomax

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA - attention and affection;

Some need AAA - attention, affection and acceptance;

Some need C - compassion;

Some need D - direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine -
simply sit with them quietly and share your
light!



MARPLE METHODIST CHURCH

Services in November

Please note Services start at 10:30am

**2nd Joint Service at Marple URC – Rev David Jenkins
(Communion)**

**9th Joint Service at Marple Methodist Church –
Judith Laycock**

**16th Joint Service at Marple Bridge Church –
Margaret Dexter-Brown**

23rd Martyn Bennett

30th Joint Service at The Ridge Methodist Church

PROVIDENCE NEWS & NOTICES

Services in November

2nd Revd Mike Aspinall (communion)

9th Revd Adam Scott (Remembrance),

16th Gordon Stewart

23rd visit Marple Bridge

30th Revd Jonnie Hill (AGM)

From Gill Collins



We had a wonderful celebration of harvest this year. One of our members suggested that we all contribute to make harvest a real celebration. We were invited to suggest favourite harvest hymns, prayers, poems and bible readings and a great programme was drawn up. Of course, we had to 'Plough the Fields and Scatter' and 'Come ye thankful people, come'. Michael Brueck wrote

a special harvest hymn, 'O God of Earth and Beauty', sung to the tune 'Scarlet Ribbons' and the final hymn had to be 'Now thank we all our God'. The bible readings were from Psalms 65 and 67, and Genesis, followed by a 'Meditation of a Garden'.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, knitted fruit and vegetables – we even had two scarecrows in their smocks and a knitted harvest wreath. As, in previous years, all donations were non-perishable to be taken to the New Mills food bank. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. The tray of fruit and vegetables on display was taken to the nursery below stairs and the staff planned to talk to the children about the food, before cooking meals for them. At the end of the service we were all given a gift of a pot of blackberry and apple jam made by a member of our congregation from the fruits picked in New Mills orchard. What a very fitting end to an inspiring service.

Festival Concert

As part of the New Mills Festival Gordon Stewart gave a recital entitled 'King of Instruments'. He told the audience about his love for our 1914 J J Binns instrument, with its original pneumatic action. The concert opened with 'Mohrentatnz' by 16th century composer Tylman Susato which demonstrated the trumpet stops. Possibly the most popular organ work is J S Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and what a joy it was to listen to the full organ. In complete contrast we then listened to Bach's 'Air in D', - so beautifully peaceful.

Handel's 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' followed. This popular piece is often played on piano but it was so different played on the organ.

Andrew Carter's 'Song without Words' was truly haunting. During his wife's illness she loved to listen to him playing quietly on the piano. One day a carer was listening and remarked on the beauty of the piece and suggested he wrote it down and so we have his 'Song without Words'.

Leon Boellmann's 'Suite Gotheque' was in four movements starting with the dramatic 'Choral', followed by a delightful Minuet, a quiet and gentle Priere a Notre Dame and finally an amazing Toccata, so fast and furious with pulsating rhythm on the pedals. Dan Miller wrote a truly beautiful prelude on 'Great is Thy Faithfulness', a much loved hymn. It was good to have the screen to see Gordon's hands playing the 'Giga' by Enrico Bossi. It was an almost fairy-like sound with fast triplets.

Widor's Toccata was the final work, a wonderful choice to end the recital. Thank you Gordon for such a great afternoon of music with lots of favourites and some delightful new music. Refreshments were served at the close of the concert. Many thanks to all the catering team and helpers. Over £600 was raised for church funds.

Chatty Cafe at Providence

All are welcome to drop in to our weekly chatty cafe on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm. Good company, and home-made cakes on offer!

Providence Talks

Our next talk is on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30pm (Free Admission).

Graham Sparks “Seeing the Text; Visual interpretations of the Abraham and Isaac Story” followed by a chance to meet the speaker over light refreshments.

SHORT STREET NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

wishes in November go to:

Irene Sangster (11th) and David Lloyd (24th)

Services in November

2nd Rev. J. Austen (Communion)

**9th Service at Hazel Grove Methodist Church
(Remembrance)**

16th Rev. J. Hill

23rd Rev. M. Aspinall

30th Rev. P. Frampton

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 22nd November 10am-1pm

Admission 50p ... Refreshments available.

Tombola, raffle, handicrafts, mystery bags, Christmas cards, toys, homemade cakes. Etc. Etc

All welcome

TINTWISTLE & GLOSSOP NEWS

Services in November

- 2nd Alan Willis**
- 9th Village Remembrance Service –
Keith Whiting/Keth Brierley**
- 16th Alistair Cole**
- 23rd Martyn Cooling**
- 30th Steve Howcroft**

HATHERLOW & GEORGE LANE NEWS

Services in November

- 2nd Revd Jonnie Hill**
- 9th Rod Wallace**
- 16th Dr Chris Gordon**
- 23rd TBC**
- 30th Revd Margaret Dexter-Brown**

Please could you send all items for the JOINT
DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026
edition of the Link to Barbara
Northover –
(email:northoverfamily@gmail.com)



NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

**Please check the Pastorate website for any events, which
are happening in all churches:**

**www.ecdbmp.wordpress.com and scroll down the
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