

BANK



TOPICS

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY TO JULY 2022

The first job is to thank our new editor for offering to take up the printing press that is Bank Topics. And then a huge thanks to Alison (and Christine) who have held that post for several years and, finally, to Val who stepped in over the Pandemic to set out the printing blocks.

Looking for inspiration I have mistakenly opened the newspaper. These are truly awful times.

We have a genuine full-blooded war going on in Europe and we, as wide a “we” as you can throw, are seemingly powerless to stop the carnage, restore order, manage the refugees and return to normality so that we can all help rebuild the Ukraine.



And flicking over a page we have the suggestion that the UK will be a better place by transporting refugees to a faraway land, never to return to darken our shores.

Maybe I am a bleeding hearted leftie but in what world can this be a serious suggestion? Well, we know where. Here in Britain and in Putin’s Russia where there is strong evidence that those refugees from the Ukraine who have made it “safely” to Russia are now being transported to the other side of the world – to Siberia. Oh, and maybe China too, with their Uyghur population. What good bed mates we choose.

I am immensely proud that Christian churches, and many other faiths, are loudly condemning our government’s proposals and are holding a torch for refugees looking for a beacon of light.

As to those who say that church has no part in government, the Statement of the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church expressly addresses that “problem”:

*We believe that
Christ gives his Church a government
distinct from the government of the state.
In things that affect obedience to God
the Church is not subordinate to the state,
but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ,
its only Ruler and Head.
Civil authorities are called
to serve God’s will of justice and peace for all humankind,
and to respect the rights of conscience and belief.*

In what Christian way can the transportation of refugees to Rwanda meet the demand that: *civil authorities are called to serve God’s will of justice and peace for all humankind, and to respect the rights of conscience and belief?*” It plainly cannot

PLEASE CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON AT BANK TOP!

BANK TOP UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - CONTACTS		
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Sunday Worship	10.30am Morning Service and Sunday School. Church Parade 4th Sunday of the month in Jan, Sept, Nov, and Sermons	
Bank Top Artists	Monday, 1-3pm contact Mrs V Singleton	01204 305401
Bank Top/The Oaks Brownies	Monday 5.45-7.00pm, contact Miss E Farrellor Mrs C Greenen	07770 450 229 01204 592594
Guides	Monday 7.30-9.15pm, contact Mrs V Constantine	07806 789757
Toddler Group	Tuesday 9-11.00 am. contact Mrs V Singleton	01204 305401
House Group	Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, at the home of Val Singleton	01204 305401 07971 272 772
Theatre Works	Wednesday 4-5.00pm contact Lauren Bateman	07999 634 208
Adult Craft Class	Wednesday 7-9.00pm contact Jean Greer	01204 594127
Rainbows	Thursday 6-7.00pm contact Mrs E Robinson	07510 895 470
Eden Singers	Thursday 7.30-9.00pm, contact Adrian Yapp	07766 140 386
Branches	1st Saturday of the Month, (excluding August) from 12-1.00pm	01204 305401
For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Sick Visiting or Home Communion please contact A Guthrie or V Singleton		
If you would like to join our Direct Offering scheme through the Envelope scheme, please contact V Singleton		
We also have a Memorial Fund - contact V Singleton		
We have a 50/50 Club which is drawn each month – please see Val Singleton for more information		
Bank Top is a member of the Bolton and Salford Missional Partnership		



CLEANING ROTA

MAY

6th Lynn
13th Heather
20th Val & Andrea
27th Christine & Pat

JUNE

3rd Graham & Linda
10th Carol & Ann
17th Lynn
24th Heather

JULY

1st Val & Andrea
8th Christine & Pat
15th Linda & Graham
22nd Carol & Ann
29th Lynn

FLOWER LIST

MAY

1st In memory of Lilian & Alan Tredrea
8th Maureen & Syd Roocroft
15th SERMONS - The Guides
22nd Maureen Flitcroft
29th Joan Dodd

JUNE

5th Christine Counsell
12th Muriel Brown
19th Sarah Astley
26th Maureen Flitcroft

JULY

3rd In memory of Kathleen Warburton
10th Jill Partington
17th In memory Gladys Yates
24th Kath Dean
31st Dot Hayes

If for any reason you can't manage the cleaning on the selected day, please try to swap with someone else on the rota.

If you wish to go on the cleaning rota, please have a word with either Christine Counsell or Val Singleton

There are still some vacancies on the Flower List for 2022. Please see Carol or Maureen if you wish to go on the list

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE WHO CLEAN OUR CHURCH EACH WEEK SO THAT WE CAN WORSHIP IN A LOVELY CLEAN BUILDING

THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR TABLE IN 2021. THESE FLOWERS ARE TAKEN OUT TO PEOPLE EACH WEEK AND THEY ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



BIBLE READINGS

MAY

1st John 21:1-19
8th John 10:22-30
15th John 13:31-35
22nd John 14:23-29
29th John 17:20-26

JULY

3rd Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
10th Luke 10:25-37
17th Luke 10:38-42
24th Luke 11:1-13
31st Luke 12:13-21

JUNE

5th John 14:8-17
12th John 16:12-15
19th Luke 8:26-39
26th Luke 9:51-62

BANK TOP FAMILY NEWS

Sid and Maureen Roocroft celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in February

Many congratulations to them both, don't they look lovely





23rd May Theo Milne
3rd July Freya Dean
29th July Freddie Spencer
We hope you all have a great day
Xxxx

Congratulations to Christine Catherall who celebrated her 80th Birthday on the 22nd April.



Celebrating 50 years of the URC. This bowl, specially crafted for the occasion is currently doing the rounds of URC churches in the Central Area. We used it to hold our Palm Crosses



“Babies who lunch” Toddler Group



Our guides celebrating ‘Thinking Day

A little bit of Lancashire Dialect Poetry,

This poem is from a collection of poems by Louisa Bearman, titled Poems in the Lancashire Dialect. Louisa was Barbara Naylor's Grandmother. The book was published by Dalesman Books in 1977

Weddin' Prawd

Our Bill an' Nell geet wed t'-day,
It wer' a grand grand turn eawt,
Aw t' folk in t' street cum weichin' it
Twas summat talk abeaut.

Aa, geet a bit o' brass put by
So ah went an' rigged us eawt,
Eed, aw wish yer cud a'seen us,
My, wi did look smart.

Aa geet misen a cooart an' frock,
An' a hat wi a luvly feather,
An' eawr Bill did himself preawd
He geet a suit t' measure.

Aunt Flora cam fro Wigan,
Aw dressed up t' kill,
An' cousin Joe, he wer' t' Best Mon,
He's noan a patch on Bill.

Then aa geet th' owd mon t' wear 'is teeth,
Aadurnt know why he bowt em,
Fur he keeps em in an owd tin mug
On t' shelf at side o' slopstone

An' we all wore pink carnations,
Not a copper did we spare,
Thur' we' even fleurs in t' motor cars,
Aa felt like a millionair.

An' Nellie, her wer' dressed i, white,
An' her wor a wreath an' veil
Eee, they made a luvly couple,
Stood at th' Alter Rail.

Then we 'ad aa photos taken,
We did everythin' i, style,
Thank goodness th' owd mon's teeth wer'
in
When t' photographer sed smile.

Wi had eawr tay at Rose an' creawn,
Thi mek a gradley spread,
I 'ad a glass o' cherry,
It went straight t' mi yed.

They've gone away for t' wikend
Everythin's all o're
But there's neer bin such a weddin'
Deawn eawer street afore

FINANCE REPORT from your Treasurer, Val

Offertory

MONTH	CASH COLLECTION	ENVELOPES	STANDING ORDERS
JANUARY	165.20	499.00	860.00
FEBRUARY	273.06	306.00	870.00
MARCH	167.90	291.50	860.00
TOTALS	606.16	1096.50	2590.00

Our chosen charity this year is Fortalice, and so far this year we have raised £98.10

Month	50/50 WINNERS	Number	Amount
FEBRUARY	E Farrell	80	50
	Della	43	30
	D Myers	2	20
MARCH	J Marsden	38	50
	D Canham	91	30
	C Rideout	14	20
APRIL	D Canham	42	50
	G Singleton	15	30
	M Flitcroft	10	20

An Eco-Friendly Church

Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 - Results

Not sure how many of you took part this year but here are the results.

House sparrow number one again!

House sparrows are top of the flocks for the 19th year running. But it's vital we continue to look out for sparrows as there are far fewer around now. The population has declined so much that they are on the UK Red List for birds – any further declines would be devastating.

1	Sparrow
2	Blue tit
3	Starling
4	Woodpigeon
5	Blackbird
6	Robin
7	Goldfinch
8	Great tit
9	Magpie
10	Chaffinch

Tips for the next few months. . . .

- Don't forget to look after the birds that come into your garden. Sunflower hearts are a sure way to attract tits and finches.
- Remember to leave water for them to drink in dry weather.
- As summer approaches plant flowers in your gardens that attract bees and other pollinators.
- Help to save water by investing in a water butt

**BANK TOP
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

ANNUAL SERMONS

SUNDAY, 15th MAY 10:30am



FOLLOWED BY:

BBQ

ON THE COMMUNITY GARDEN



Bank Top
United Reformed Church
Village Fair

On the Community Garden, Ashworth Lane



Saturday 2nd July 2022
11.30am - 3.00pm

BBQ/Sandwiches/CreamTeas/Beer Tent/Stalls

It's going to be bigger and better after a two-year absence!!

FUTURE EVENTS: MAY - JULY

<u>May</u>			
Sun	1 st	10.30am	Morning Service – Susan Holme
Tue	3 rd	7.30pm	Meeting of the Social Committee at Val's
Wed	4 th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting at Andy's
Sat	7 th	1200-1.00pm	Brunch
Sun	8 th	10.30am	Communion Service – Andy Guthrie Followed by tea & toast
Tue	10 th	7.30pm	House group at Val's. Topic "Friendship" A Father & His Son: Luke 15:11-32
Sun	15 th	10.30am From 11.30am	Sermons Sunday – The Worship Group BBQ on the Community Garden
Sun	22 nd	10.30am	Morning Service – Ray Houghton
Tue	24 th	7.30pm	House group at Val's. Topic "Friendship" Accountable to Friends: Galatians 6:1-10
Sun	29 th	10.30am	Morning Service – Alison Hall
<u>June</u>			
Wed	1 st	7.30pm	Elders Meeting at Andy's
Sat	4 th	12.00-2.00pm	Jubilee Brunch (buffet, singing, bunting)
Sun	5 th	10.30am	Morning Service, Followed by tea and toast
Sun	12 th	10.30am	Communion Service – Andy Guthrie
Tue	14 th	7.30pm	House group at Val's. Topic "Friendship" David & Nathan 1 Samuel:1, 12-25
Sun	19 th	10.30am	Morning Service, Adrian Yapp
Sun	26 th	10.30am	Morning Service, Dave Bagley
Tue	28 th	7.30pm	House group at Val's. Topic "Friendship" Loving Friends 1 John 4:7-21
<u>July</u>			
Sat	2 nd	11.30-3.00pm	VILLAGE FAIR
Sun	3 rd	10.30am 11.30am	Morning Service, Leo Roberts Church Mtg with tea and toast
Sun	10 th	10.30am	Communion Service, Andy Guthrie
Tue	12 th	7.30pm	House group at Val's. Topic "Friendship" Forever Friends, 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11
Sun	17 th	10.30am	Morning Service, David Canham
Sun	24 th	10.30am	Morning Service,
Sun	21 st	10.30am	Morning Service, Alan Nuttall

This newsletter has been emailed to all those currently on my email list. A limited number of copies will still be available in church for those people who are not.

MEETING DATES 2022	
Wednesday, 4 th May	ELDERS
Wednesday, 1 st June	ELDERS
Sunday, 3 rd July	CHURCH MEETING

