

# Onward



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**Hallfold** *United Reformed Church*  

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# *Secretarial Musings*

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:1-4*

How do we trust that everything is in the hands of a God we can't even see? In a country and world more divided than ever, this passage is a beacon of hope for those despairing.

In the preceding passages, the disciples, betrayed by Judas, are searching for a new leader now that Jesus has died and ascended into heaven. They seem to be wondering the same thing we are: What now? To continue their work, the disciples seek to travel and spread the good news and story of Jesus, however, they are separated by language. How can they transfer their message if they don't speak the same language as people they are talking to?

Just then, the Holy Spirit comes down, in “what seemed to be tongues of fire” and settles to a rest on their shoulders. Suddenly, they are all speaking different languages, yet they can still understand one another! As they go out to spread the good news in these new languages, many accuse the disciples of drunkenness, as it is impossible for these Galileans to speak so many different tongues. Again, doubt is confronted.

The people in the Bible had doubts and so do we – we are all human. Today, how are we supposed to face doubts about our future when things seem so bleak? You see, when we are at our lowest, when we doubt the most, and when every door seems closed, the Holy Spirit comes down and beckons us toward God. By providing presence and hope, God changes everything.

***Gillian***

Dance Troupe at Hallfold in 1945 .....



## **Good Friday**

After the Good Friday service, a group of worshippers took themselves off to Millcroft Tea Gardens at Norden. Some people showed restraint and ordered toasted teacakes but some people had the full works!!! (Chicken, chips, bread and butter, trifle, scone with jam and cream, all washed down with copious amounts of tea.) Outside the tea rooms there are benches and the weather was so lovely, people were sitting for quite a long time enjoying the sunshine. It was all very leisurely compared to Good Fridays in the past when everyone was younger and fitter. The Good Friday service was always held outside, sometimes on Lobden or down Healey Dell, followed by a lengthy hike. Joe Taylor or Donald Nuttall led the group, sometimes walking as far as Todmorden and back. Arnold Papworth our organist always came along. He was of a very slight build and every year used to amaze us with the amount of food he ate. He always had two hot cross buns as a snack before he started on his picnic lunch. We used to tease him about having hollow legs. So many people who came on those hikes are no longer with us and the remainers have bad hips, knees and backs! What happy memories though.

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## **PMS Group**

Pre-emptive action has been taken to avoid another infestation of wasps in church. Fingers crossed it's successful. The mechanism on the emergency exit door at the back of the church has been lubricated and is regularly exercised. The walk way around church is being cleaned gradually, using a high pressure cleaner. The drains are regularly checked. Regular attention to the gardens ensures that they are always looking at their best.

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## **Beetle Drive**

Anyone who missed the beetle drive a couple of weeks ago missed a good night out. About 30 people turned up and the competitiveness was intense!! After much throwing of dice and some artistic and rather strange representations of beetles, Zoe Ravenscroft won the game whilst her granddad won the booby prize. A supper of hot dogs and beautifully decorated buns followed. Over £100 was raised for Lucy's charity. Prizes were presented to the winners the following morning at church.

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One of these Page 3 girls (picture opposite) regularly attends our church on Sunday mornings. Do you recognise her?



**Hallfold United Reformed  
Church**

Hall Street – Whitworth

present

**An evening of Summer music .....**

**with**

**“Rochdale Festival  
Choir”**

Conductor: Valerie M Chadwick BEM LRA

7.00pm Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Tickets £7 including refreshments

Ring: 01706 344894 for tickets

## **Donald's Doodles .....**

Last week at the Masseycroft service we were thinking about the important place music has in our lives. Not a day goes by without some kind of music being present; even if it is only my contribution by coaxing a tune out of the assembled crockery and jars on the breakfast table. Music in the right hands and in the right environment becomes something beautiful and pleasing. It affects us in different ways. Gives us joy, lifts our spirit, takes us out of ourselves and moves us into a different realm. Why? I believe that all music is a gift from God, one that is able to enrich our lives, stir our emotions and provides us with a means to worship as we are moved into a better frame of mind.

The world renowned conductor André Rieu, believes that his choice of music is able to heal. To quote his words: "People arrive in wheelchairs and walk out unaided". His music lifts minds above the worries and hurts of life. For me it can be a hymn tune, a glorious singing voice or a brass band in full flow that raises the hairs on the back of my neck. Some music is very cathartic, cleaning out the dross and damaging thoughts that sometimes become embedded in our minds.

Hallfold has a long standing reputation for its contribution to music, not only in worship but through organ and piano recitals, and also G&S operas. Sadly, the once very active choir (winner of the Blackpool church choir competition about 70 years ago) and the augmented choir that annually sang Handel's Messiah, helped by famous soloists has now gone into the realms of history. However we still have something to be glad about and that is the fact that we have a good organist and we still raise the roof when the hymns demand it. Colin must spend quite some time choosing the tunes and also the appropriate stops on the organ to compliment the words. Also, in communion, the quiet rendering of well known tunes keeps our minds from wandering away from what we are celebrating. Just notice how he manages to time the end of the piece to the end of the distribution of the bread and wine! Today not many churches have a good organist, so we are fortunate because we enjoy the way the organ helps our sense of worship.

I believe the whole of creation sings with the breath of God's presence, from the very first primeval seas, with the sounds of their tireless waves ebbing and flowing, to the winds that cut through the ancient forests. Recently, as I sat in the quietness of the early morning, the birds were singing their little hearts out. Streams and rivers play their part. Who hasn't stood on a river bank and listened to the trickle of the water as it flows to ever wider rivers and finally into the restless sea? All nature has a voice, so it isn't surprising that we like to sing and find music necessary to enrich and give meaning to our lives. So, come and join us in church as often as possible. Give thanks to God for our hearing and pleasure that music gives us. Don't waste this wonderful gift from our gracious loving Creator.

**Donald**

<b>Diary of Church Events</b>	
Jun 03 <sup>rd</sup>	Service at Masseycroft - 2.00pm
Jun 04 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies <i>"Exercise to Music"</i> 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3
Jun 06 <sup>th</sup>	<i>"Knit &amp; Natter"</i> - 2.00pm at Abbotsford
Jun 07 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Meet in the schoolroom.
Jun 07 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - 6:30pm – 7:45pm Meet in the schoolroom
Jun 08 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Elders</b> Communion
Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Teddy Bears' Picnic</b> After morning service
Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft - 2.00pm
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies <i>"Exercise to Music"</i> 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PMT</b> Meeting at Anna's Café Bar in Weir. 6.00 for 6.30pm
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Meet in the schoolroom.
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - 6:30pm – 7:45pm Meet in the schoolroom
Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Margaret Ogden</b> Father's Day
Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies <i>"Exercise to Music"</i> 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3
Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>"Knit &amp; Natter"</i> - 2.00pm at Abbotsford
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Meet in the schoolroom.
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - 6:30pm – 7:45pm Meet in the schoolroom
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Strawberry Tea</b> <b>3.00pm in the Schoolroom</b>
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Jim Hurst</b>
Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm

## Diary of Church Events

Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ladies "Exercise to Music" 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows No Meeting.
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies No meeting
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Rev Stuart Nixon</b>
Jul 01 <sup>st</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm
Jul 02 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Ladies "Exercise to Music" 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Jul 04 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Knit &amp; Natter"</b> - 2.00pm at Abbotsford
Jul 05 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Meet in the schoolroom.
Jul 05 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - 6:30pm – 7:45pm Meet in the schoolroom
Jul 06 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jul 06 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rochdale Festival Choir Concert</b> 7.00pm Tickets available or £7 on the door
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Ian Royle</b>
Jul 08 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm
Jul 09 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ladies "Exercise to Music" 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Jul 12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows Final summer term meeting at Children's Moorland Home.
Jul 12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies Final summer term meeting at Children's Moorland Home
Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Elders – Anniversary Service</b> Communion
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church Anniversary Lunch</b> After morning service
Jul 15 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm
Jul 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ladies "Exercise to Music" 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Jul 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Knit &amp; Natter"</b> - 2.00pm at Abbotsford
Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows No Meeting.
Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies No meeting
Jul 20 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team 9.30am
Jul 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PMT</b> <b>Afternoon Tea at Lady Grace Tearoom</b> Champness Hall, Rochdale. 2.30pm

<b>Diary of Church Events</b>	
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Tim Hopley</b>
Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Service at Masseycroft – 2.00pm
Jul 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Ladies “Exercise to Music” 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Jul 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - No meeting
Jul 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - No meeting
Jul 27 <sup>th</sup>	Men's PMS Team - 9.30am
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>David Foss</b>
Jul 29 <sup>th</sup>	Service at Masseycroft - 2.00pm
Jul 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Ladies “Exercise to Music” 8:00pm in the schoolroom. All ladies welcome - Admission £3</i>
Aug 01 <sup>st</sup>	<i>“Knit &amp; Natter” - 2.00pm at Abbotsford</i>
Aug 02 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Rainbows - No meeting
Aug 02 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Whitworth URC Brownies - No meeting
Aug 03 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Team PMS - 9.30am
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	Family Church at 10:45am <b>Gillian Dawson</b>





The Summer Solstice takes place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The term summer solstice is derived from Latin and means 'the sun stands still'. The solstice is often thought of as a day-long event, but in fact is a single moment in time: when the sun is at northernmost point from the earth's equator during a single year. There are about 8 hours 45 minutes more daylight at the summer solstice than at the winter solstice.

Two quotes, one from an optimist and one from a pessimist:  
Not only is it Summer Solstice, there is a Full Moon. May love surround you like sunshine on a sunny day.- William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Sun is at its fullest power, and the darkness of winter is a fading memory. But just at this moment of greatest light, we begin to face death, for now the days begin to shorten and the darkness grows.

Cathy Pangno

### ***Knit and Natter.....***

A big Thank You from the ladies of the Knit and Natter Group for supporting this year's Easter fund raiser. We made 116 Easter Bunnies (or Mice, depending on your interpretation of the figure!) and made £90 profit. Thank You very much. ***Dorothy***

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### **Christian Aid**

The door to door collection for Christian Aid realised £300 this year - thanks to everyone who helped in any way. I have received donations and collection boxes too and this adds another £60 which will be sent to help to provide the urgent care which mums need in Sierra Leone.

***Brenda***

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### **Country Dancing Evening goes with a bang.**

In May, PMT had booked to see Rossendale Players' production of "A bunch of Amateurs". However the play was cancelled due to cast illness. Rather than miss an evening with friends, it was decided to have a meeting at Whitworth Museum and do a bit of country dancing. The Circassian Circle, Durham Reel, Cumberland Reel, Pat a Cake Polka and Brighton Camp all went down very well. Supper followed – cheese, biscuits and wine – and then more dancing. It was during a dance called The Flying Scotsman that one of our members became The Flying Lancashire Woman. Unfortunately Mary Bowers took a tumble and broke her hip. The doctors and nurses at the hospital could not believe that they had admitted a 94 year old who had fallen whilst doing a lively Scottish dance!! At the moment she is recovering at The Royal, in Oldham. We wish her well with this quote from Bob Marley: *"Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Makes you wanna move your dancing feet."*

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### **Easter Flowers**

On April 16<sup>th</sup> some members of PMT arrived at Riddieough Court with handfuls of flowers ready to make floral arrangements for our church over the Easter period. The previous year we had decided on a yellow and white theme but this year people had complete choice, so all the creations were very individual and the result was a very colourful display. One contained Easter chicks and eggs and this proved a hit with some members of the congregation who voted it the best of the bunch. (Think it was Anne Kettleton's display.) However, our church contains lovely flowers every Sunday morning and thanks go to Pam Matthews for buying, arranging and distributing them.

# Church Flowers

		Remembering
Apl 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Dalton	Partner Christina
Apl 21 <sup>st</sup>	Karen Grayson	Parents John and Enid
Apl 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Shepherd	Wife Barbara
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian & Hazel Walker	Ian's parents Mr & Mrs Frank Walker
May 12 <sup>th</sup>		Arnold Papworth Hallfold's former organist
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gillian Dawson & Janet Sheehan	Parents William & Ivy Dawson
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friends at Masseycroft	Elsie Rowlands
Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorothy & Clive Crowther	Daughter Julie



## 3rd Whitworth U.R.C Brownies & Rainbows

Brownies & Rainbows attended the St George's Day celebration at the Civic Hall. We paraded down the road and then watched the Pace Egg play, performed by the Curtain Theatre. We have watched the performance for a few years however this year is was exceptionally funny with the Dragon up on the stage, looking very scary!

We held Annual Sponsored Walk for Hallfold Church around Cowm Reservoir in May. We had a very good turnout of Brownies and Rainbows as well as parents and friends joining us for the walk. The highlight, as usual, was feeding the ducks. However there were not very many ducks to feed!! Luckily the weather stayed fine for us. So far we have raised £360 for Church.

Rainbows will be joining Brownies for our annual ROSSENDALE DIVISION GAMES evening held at B.R.G.S. on Wednesday 26th June. We will be taking part in different activities along with other Brownies Rainbows & Guides from the Division.

Our last meeting of the summer term is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, when the Brownies & Rainbows are going for an evening of fun at Moorland Children's Home.

Pam

Brownie & Rainbow Guider

## Counting Rota

Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	L Mark Bell	E Dyson
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	G Myers	E Garbutt
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	E Dyson	M Cawley
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	J Garside	C Crowther
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	K Grayson	J Whitworth
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	L Mark Bell	E Dyson
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	G Myers	E Garbutt
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	E Dyson	M Cawley
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	J Garside	C Crowther



## Refreshments Team

Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	Pam	Christine M
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary	Eileen
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elaine	Margo
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Betty	Lynda
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	Pam	Kath
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pam	Christine M
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hilary	Eileen
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine	Margo
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	Betty	Lynda



## Bible Reading

Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	Jed Garside
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Grayson
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Janet Myers
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Nuttall
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen Garbutt
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hilary Pilling
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Thomas
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	Clive Crowther
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Cummaskey



If you are unable to do your reading on the date shown please contact Gillian Dawson.



If you need a lift or are willing to go on a rota please see the Secretary. If you cannot fulfil your duty can you please arrange a swap or replacement and inform the Secretary.

## Car Ferry Service

	Doreen Roberts Tel: 854134	John Harris Tel: 342251
		Dorothy Butterworth Tel: 343046
Date	Driver	
Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Mark Bell	
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther	
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lorraine Mark Bell	
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther	
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Mark Bell	
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther	
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lorraine Mark Bell	
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther	
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	Lorraine Mark Bell	
Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Crowther	

Anyone unable to fulfil their rota duties because of holidays etc., please arrange a swap and inform the Secretary accordingly. Any amendment will be announced in the weekly notices.

## Church - Duty Rota

Date	Welcome	Bible	Minister/Communion
Jun 09 <sup>th</sup>	L Ravenscroft	J Garside	D Crowther / M Dawson
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	M Cawley	B Mason	C Sewell
Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P Bradbury	M Cawley	M Dawson
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	E Garbutt	P Bradbury	G Dawson
Jul 07 <sup>th</sup>	H Pilling	E Garbutt	L Mark Bell
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup>	J Garside	H Pilling	D Cummaskey/ J Sheehan
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	L Ravenscroft	J Garside	J Sheehan
Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	B Mason	L Ravenscroft	K Grayson
Aug 04 <sup>th</sup>	M Cawley	B Mason	D Crowther



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