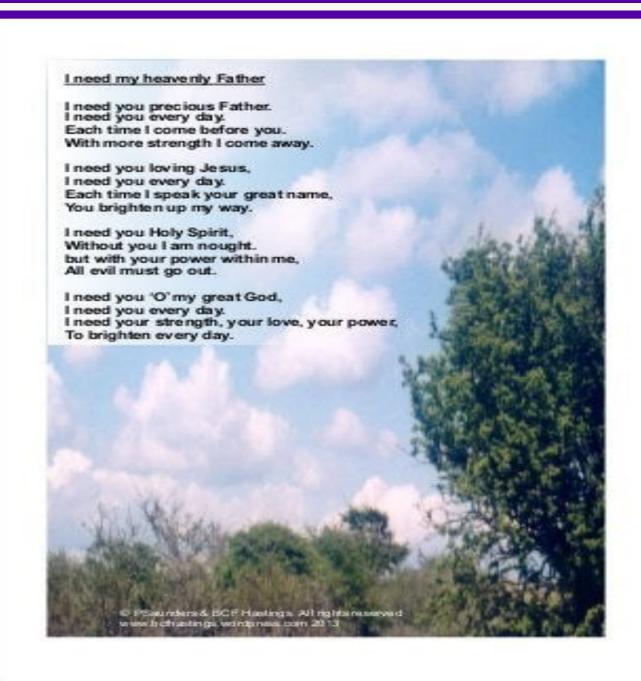
EGERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY, JUNE JULY 2022 EDITION





Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the country and the Commonwealth.

The celebrations culminate in the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend, which takes place from 2 to 5 June, when we'll be treated to an extra Bank Holiday.

As well as the street parties and Jubilee picnics, you can get involved in celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's historic reign by watching a whole host of special TV programming across BBC, ITV, Prime Video and BritBox - both during the celebratory weekend and before.

Here, we round up our picks of what to watch to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, including The Queen's Birthday Parade on BBC, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on ITV, and Elizabeth: A Portrait in Parts on Prime Video. Read our must-watch guide below.

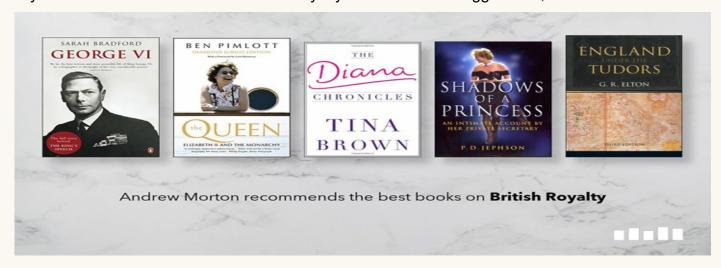
On Thursday 2 June, the Queen's Birthday Parade, also known as Trooping The Colour, will take place to mark the Queen's official birthday. More than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together for the traditional royal parade.

Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade, joined by members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages.

The parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by the Queen and members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony - including Prince Harry and Meghan (Queen Elizabeth II <u>is reported</u> to have invited them to appear on the balcony for the momentous occasion).

It's the first time Trooping The Colour has gone ahead in its traditional form since 2019. It was cancelled for a second year running in 2021, having been called off in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

If you'd like to read more about British Royalty here are some suggestions;



PEACE

Its humanity that we've lost Its cruelty that we need not

This poem got the "Editor's Choice Award" www.poetry.com

Its hatred that has filled our minds
Its love that we've always fought

Its harmony that we desire to bring but there's not much that we've got

It's true, we can't change the society or break the bonds in which we're caught so come out and join hands for the cause of peace by simply making a crying child laugh... by simply making a crying child laugh...

Amit

Prayer for Peace

From your heart, Holy One, to the suffering heart of Ukraine, to a world both beautiful and broken, pour out, we pray, your solace to hearts choked with grief; your strength, to those shattered by trauma; to all now in flight, rest in safe shelter; to all left behind, your tender presence. Turn those who seek to dominate and destroy towards the way of peace, the work of justice. In trust, we pledge our lives to no more war, war never again. May this be so for all your people on this day and on every day held in your unconditional love.

-Sister Chris Koellhoffer, IHM



Sisters of IHM

Music at Egerton URC

There have been some lovely musical evenings at Egerton URC. Here is one from the past and one for the possible future!

The Bolton (Hoover) Brass Band
Friday 2nd December - 7.30pm
Christmas Concert at Egerton United Reformed Church
One of the longest running brass bands in the world. The band is

One of the longest running brass bands in the world. The band is proud of its heritage but is also looking to the future with enthusiasm to keep its legacy going.

Based in the centre of Bolton, comprising players from the Greater Manchester area. The band rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 8pm – 10pm at our band room: History of the band

Hoover Band (Bolton), formerly known as the Bolton Borough Band, has one of the longest histories in the world of brass banding. Extensive research has been carried out and documents confirm that the band led a procession of Bolton Schools to celebrate the coronation of Queen Victoria on June 29th 1838.

Furthermore, in Arthur Taylor's book Brass Bands, references are made to the Bolton Borough Band which is said to of stemmed originally from the foundation of a volunteer corps formed as early as 1794. The band was said to be a combination of 24 brass and woodwind instrumentalists by 1828 and it is thought that at some point prior to 1881 it converted solely to brass instrumentation when local records detail that the Bolton Borough Band led a procession marking the laying of the cornerstone at Chew Moor Cottage School on September 10th 1881.

The Eden Singers

Magic

OF THE

The Eden Singers have 45 members and are based in Bolton. They are mainly made up of people from various churches. Their aim is to sing and bring joy to other folk. The Eden Singers are from all walks of life including Teachers, Mid-Wives, those in the NHS and Fire Brigade, several Self-Employed people and many Retired folk.

To raise money for local charities and good causes. Our services are free, however donations towards the running costs are welcome.

The Eden Singers was formed for those who wanted to sing in a choir but could not read music, so Adrian created the <u>LISTEN-LEARN-SING</u> formula. A CD of all the songs in the programme are given out for the members to <u>LISTEN</u> to, along with a pack containing all the lyrics in order to <u>LEARN</u> the song and at the rehearsal, with vocal tuition the choir will <u>SING</u> the songs. From here it was decided that money raised from ticket sales to their concerts would be donated to a charity or a good cause, Funds have been raised for the likes of The Teenage Cancer Trust, The Epilepsy Society, The Stroke Association, plus church restorations such as roof and organ repairs, even Urban Outreach for homeless people.

Thinking of ways to raise funds for your charity or appeal. We can help. Just call or email us and we can arrange a concert for you. We will even provide you with posters and tickets at no charge.

The Eden Singers cover several genres to suit all tastes, from musicals to pop, and country to Christmas. Some of their most popular are 'Magic of the Musicals' 'Tribute to the

Beatles' and 'Les Mis'





Jubilee Cake



- Cook:1 hr 1 hr and 15 mins
- Plus a day for drying rose petals
- Cuts into 12 slices

Ingredients

175g golden caster sugar 175g butter , softened 4 large eggs , separated 100g self-raising flour 1 tsp baking powder 100g ground almonds a few drops of almond extract 125g punnet raspberries

For the filling 227g clotted cream 125g punnet raspberries

For the decoration
2 pink roses
50g - 85g golden caster sugar

Method STEP 1

Make the frosted rose petals the day before. Separate the petals and spread the caster sugar over a plate. Holding one petal at a time, lightly paint both sides with egg white. Spoon sugar over it, then using tweezers, shake off the excess. Dry on baking parchment for a day.

STEP 2

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 4/fan 160C. Butter two 20cm/8in round sandwich tins and line their bases with baking parchment. Tip the sugar into a mixing bowl and add the softened butter. Beat for a minute or so until pale and fluffy, then beat in the egg yolks.

STEP 3

Sift the flour and baking powder over the cake mixture. Fold in as lightly as you can using a large metal spoon, then fold in the almonds and extract. Stop folding as soon as the flour traces have gone.

STEP 4

Whisk the egg whites until they just hold their shape. Gently fold a third of the egg white into the cake mix, using the whisk. Repeat with another third, then the final third. Take care not to over-mix and lose the lightness of the egg whites.

STEP 5

Lightly fold in the raspberries. Divide between the prepared tins and level the mixture using a round-bladed knife. Bake for 30-35 minutes. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out, peel off the lining paper and leave to cool completely.

STEP 6

Set one cake on a serving plate or cake stand. Spoon the cream on to the cake with a dessertspoon. Scatter the raspberries over and put the other cake on top. Blend the icing sugar with 1-11/2 tbsp cold water until it is smooth and coats the back of a spoon thinly. Drizzle the icing over the cake. Scatter the rose petals over and around the cake, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Enjoy!



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: What events are planned in 2022

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service. Visit the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport's interactive map to find out more about events taking place across the UK.

Thursday 2nd June

The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour): Over 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together in the traditional Parade to mark The Queen's official birthday, usually held on the second Saturday in June



Platinum Jubilee Beacons: The United Kingdom's long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will continue for the Platinum Jubilee.



A beacon chain, once used as a tool for communication, has now become a symbol of unity across towns, borders, countries and continents and is often the central point of focus for any outdoor gathering or celebration. In 1897, beacons were lit to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1977, 2002 and 2012, beacons commemorated the Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees of The Queen, and in 2016 Her Majesty's 90th birthday. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

Saturday 4th June

The Derby at Epsom Downs: Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will attend the Derby at Epsom Downs.

Platinum Party at the Palace: The BBC will stage and broadcast a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign. Find out more at: www.platinumjubilee.gov.uk



Plant Sale once again this has proved to be very popular with the community showing great support. Thank You



Please don't forget to collect your plants.

You will be able to collect you orders from

Joan on Friday 20th May after 10.30am

Saturday Brunches

<u>Dates</u> Saturday May 23rd

12-2pm Saturday June 25th

Saturday 23rd

The new timing seems to meet with everyone's approval.

Thanks to Nigel and Karen for all their hard work in keeping them going. However if you could spare an hour or two once a month to help (NOT ORGANISE) it would greatly appreciated. Making tea, serving lunch etc. These lunches provide a large part of the churches income annually, please support them in anyway you can.

Church Problems.

AGM. The annual meeting was postponed.

WHY? No officers were proposed. No new elders proposed.

This is your church PLEASE will you help??

Not necessarily as an elder but to have your say—if your are not a member you can't have your say about what happens in the future.

To become a member you only have to show commitment to the church, which most of you do already.

You only have to use the talents you have to keep the church functioning. Not all of us can preach

Sunday 5th June

The Big Jubilee

Lunch: Every year since the idea began in 2009 The Big Lunch has encouraged communities to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship. In 2022 The Big Lunch will bring the Jubi-



lee celebrations into the heart of every community.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: Artistic performers, dancers, musicians, military personnel, key workers and volunteers will unite to tell the story of The Queen's 70 year reign in an awe-inspiring festival of creativity. The London based Pageant will combine pomp and ceremony, street arts, theatre, music, circus, costumes as well as cutting-edge visual technology, drawing on talent from every part of the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth.

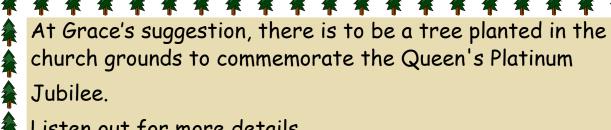
Forming an important part of the <u>Platinum Pageant</u>, the 'River of Hope' section will comprise of two hundred silk flags which will process down The Mall, appearing like a moving river. Primary and secondary school children are invited to create a picture of their hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next 70 years. A selection of these creations will be transferred on to silk flags, which will carried by secondary school pupils in the Pageant.

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

On her twenty-first birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, The Queen (then Princess Elizabeth) dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth. pic.twitter.com/0URU2tEPj8

'I think I speak for my generation when I say that the example and continuity provided by The Queen is not only very rare among leaders but a great source of pride and reassurance.'

The Duke of Cambridge



Listen out for more details.

Very advance notice:

The Hoover Band
Friday 2nd December
Christmas Music and Fun

And the Beatles AKA "The Kaleidoscope Pies"
Have been in touch so we may have them back early

Charity Collections How generous are the Egerton Church community? So far this year donations of over £800 have been sent to various charities. **Afghanistan** £250 Yemen £75





Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.

Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families.

Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.

One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

'My children crave a good meal, but I can't provide.' Jessica says. 'It pains me to send them to bed hungry.'

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray – stepping out in love for our global neighbours. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives. **This Christian Aid Week** (15-21 May), please:

Give generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought. **Act** and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.

Pray that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

Together, we can turn hunger into hope. Your donations will help families facing poverty and injustice around the world.

We have had so many high profile appeals of late. The situation in the Ukraine & the tragedy which has unfolded there has prompted many to give money, time & goods to help the victims of that war. Thousands have lost their homes, possessions, their own lives or lives of loved ones. The return to power of the Taliban in Afghanistan also caused many to flee their own country as their lives were in danger. Hardship & poverty have followed in the wake of this change of leadership as women have no longer been able to work & girls & young women have had their dreams & careers cruelly taken away from them. Yet poverty, hardship & hunger are part of the everyday lives of people in many countries. They don't always hit the headlines but their suffering, often as a result of political decisions, climate change & war, is very real. This year's Christian Aid Week Appeal focuses on Zimbabwe. Please help by donating this year. Envelopes will be available in church from 8th May to 29th May.

Thank you, Rachel.



Supplies Needed:
wax paper
black construction
paper
assorted colours
of tissue gift wrap
paper
scissors
white glue

How to Make your stained glass window:

1) Start with a piece of black construction paper. Fold each edge in about 1

inches and make a crease in the folds.

- 2.) Cut one of the corners diagonally and cut the inside creases to make a frame.
- 3.) Lay the frame on a piece of wax paper that is a little larger than the frame.
- 4.) Use the inside piece of the black construction paper to cut various shapes or designs for the inside of your stained glass frame.
- 5.) Arrange the black construction paper shapes on the wax paper using the glue to secure them as you go.
 - TIP: You can arrange your entire design on the wax paper before gluing to make certain you have the design that you want.
- 6.) Once all the inside pieces are glues down, **Glue** the frame piece around the edges and let dry.
- 7.) Trim the excess wax paper from around the frame and flip over so that the construction paper is on the bottom.
- 8.) Get out your coloured tissue paper, scissors, glue and paintbrush.
- 9.) Begin trimming or tearing pieces of tissue paper to cover the blank spaces in the stained glass design. Use the paintbrush to smooth a thin layer of glue on the wax paper and then gently apply your tissue paper.
 - TIP: The tissue paper can wrinkle and tear easily so be gentle during this process.
- 10.) Continue until all the spaces are filled.
 - TIP: Feel free to layer colours over each other for a different effect.
- 11.) Let this dry completely.

Your stained glass art masterpiece is ready to hang in a window to show the light coming through.

Use double sided clear tape to adhere it to the window.





Celebrating 50 together

The United Reformed Church celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. Francis Brienen and Andy Jackson, Convenors of the anniversary planning group, look ahead

No one thought in 1972 that the URC would reach its silver jubilee, let alone golden. It is an unexpected anniversary, but one which we will celebrate next year while giving thanks for the life and work of the Church, past, present and future.

The 50th offers a chance to focus on all that is good in our own story and to reflect on what really matters to us, and it helps us to plan for the future. Marking such a significant milestone also offers us opportunities to connect with ecumenical friends and with the communities we serve.

It is important to mark this jubilee in ways which are accessible, useful and beneficial to as many people as possible across the length and breadth of the denomination's reach. Local churches and synods will mark this jubilee in different ways, which is truly exciting.

With this in mind, the planning group's priority is to organise events and resources which will complement these celebrations to enable everyone to join together in shared experiences and opportunities. So here are some things to watch out for:

Thanksgiving service, 1 October 2022

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration is being planned for the afternoon of Saturday, 1 October 2022 between 3pm and 5pm, in Methodist Central Hall Westminster, (pictured right) where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972. It is hoped that as many people as possible from across the denomination and beyond will attend. The service will also be live streamed.

Earlier that day, from 10am to 1pm, there will be an Open Church House event at 86 Tavistock Place and surrounding venues, with a range of activities and workshops engaging with the story of our 50 years. These include a People Library, which allows people to volunteer as 'books' so they can interact with 'readers' who have the chance to have conversations with them.

In between Open Church House and the Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration, there will be a Walk from Church House to Methodist Central Hall, following a guide which will point out places and buildings with significance to the URC and the wider Church.

Parliamentary service, 21 June 2022

On 21 June 2022, the 50th anniversary of the debate of the United Reformed Church bill in Parliament, we hope a service in the Palace of Westminster will take place. Further details to be released soon.

Resources pack

A free pack of materials for local churches, to encourage and support local celebrations of this milestone, will be sent to all churches later this year and will also be available to download from the URC website, www.urc.org.uk/50.

Worship competition

A worship resources competition will enable people of all ages and abilities from across the denomination to share their creative skills in four categories: traditional hymn/song, contemporary hymn/song, rap, poem. Contributions to this competition will be shared across various media to allow as many people as possible to view, use and benefit from this content, and prizes will be given at next year's General Assembly.

An intergenerational picture book is also being published to open up the URC's story in accessible and engaging ways. It has been illustrated by Mark Beech, a professional book illustrator. This book will be free for all members and friends of the URC, and included in the pack.

Rooks

Books and other publications for the jubilee include history texts, a book on hymnody and a joint publication with the Congregational Federation in recognition of our shared 50th anniversary. Progress has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly through the restriction of library access, but work continues on these works which are now due for publication at various points throughout 2022.

Branding and merchandise, both free and for purchase, will be made available for individuals to use in marking the celebrations, as well as some offered to local churches wholesale to enable them to raise funds. More details can be found at www.urcshop.co.uk/50.

More information about all of these events and resources will be available from the URC web-

site, www.urc.org.uk/50, and the URC Bookshop, www.urcshop.co.uk/50

We hope you will join us in marking this anniversary and giving thanks for what has been, and what has yet to be. *Francis Brienen is the URC's Deputy General Secretary (Mission) and Andy Jackson is Head of Communications*

Events In May

4th May; Star Wars Day 7th May; Fair Trade Day 20th May; World Bee Day

Events in June

Weekend
19th June; Father's Day
21st June; Music Day
21st June; summer begins

2-5th June; platinum Jubilee

Events in July

9-10th July; Eid UI-Adha 15th July St Swithun's Day 28th July-8th August; The Commonwealth Games

Last night, I dreamed I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda.

But it was just a Fanta sea.

The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar... It was tense.

I had to clean out my spice rack and found everything was too old and had to be thrown out. What a waste of thyme.

6:30 is the best time on a clock... hands down.

The public safety officer came up to a large mob of people outside a department store and asked, "What's happening?"

A security guard replied, "These people are waiting to get the new Barbie doll." The public safety officer shook his head and muttered, "Who can resist a Barbie queue?"

Have you got more like this?

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails."

The Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girl guiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be

encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year. With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's seventy years of service. We were one of those organisations that bid for a tree and were successful- our sapling arrived last week and the children are taking great care of it. Our tree will be able to be identified on the interactive map of the tree canopy, and

when you click ion our tree you will see a photo of us and a plaque so people in years to come will know about this. It is not live yet but it will be soon, and this is a link to where you can find it; https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-



What's On in the Building?

Monday Friendship Group— Everyone welcome

2pm Tea, Coffee and Biscuits (occasionally cake too!)

Chat, crafts, games etc.

Tuesday Slimming World

9am,5pm & 7pm Led by Ian Bunney Tel. 07743 499292

Wednesday Mother and Toddlers (Term time only)

9.30–11am Led by Elaine Great fun for the children

7.30pm Cardiac Support Group (3rd Wed of the month)

Speakers and refreshments. Anyone with a heart

David (Chair) Tel. 07941 608604

Thursday Coffee Morning

10-11am Chat and friendship. Come and join us.

Saturday Saturday Brunch (4th Sat of the month)

12–2pm Enjoy a delicious lunch, raffle, tombola, cake stall

Sunday Sunday Worship

10am Followed by tea, coffee & chat.

Communion— 1st Sunday of the month

As you can see the church is used regularly with the the help of the chair fairies. If you can spare 10 mins to help any time, Peter would really appreciate your help.

Elders Duty Rota - May 2022 to JULY 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	Reading	<u>Preacher</u>
May 1 st	Steve Swannell	John 21: 1-19	Walt Johnson
			Communion
" 8th	Sue Topping	John 10: 22-30	Rev. David Schofield
" 15th	Rachel Cronshaw	John 13: 31-35	Neil Carter
" 22 nd	Peter Crook	John 14: 23-29	George Grime
		or John 5: 1-9	
" 29 th	lan Topping	John 17: 20-26	Walt Johnson
June 5 th	Rachel Cronshaw	John 14: 8-17 (25-27)	Rev. David Schofield
			Communion
" 12 th	Steve Swannell	John 16: 12-15	Mrs Kath Knowles
" 19 th	lan Topping	Luke 8: 26-39	lan Huddlesden
" 26 th	Peter Crook	Luke 9: 51-62	Walt Johnson
July 3 rd	Rachel Cronshaw	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Mrs Doreen Goodship
			Communion
" 10 th	Steve Swannell	Luke 10: 25-37	David Foster
" 17 th	Sue Topping	Luke 10: 38-42	Mrs Susan Holmes
" 24 th	Peter Crook	Luke 11: 1-13	Malcolm Anderson
" 31 st	lan Topping	Luke 12: 13-21	Mrs Kath Knowles



Do you have a good news story? (for the next edition)

Share your thoughts and prayers through our newsletter.

Sunday Worship and Sunday School

10am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month

Minister: Rev Jacky Embry

<u>Church Secretary:</u> Mrs Roma Hooper <u>Church Treasurer:</u> Mr Nigel Anderson