

**EGERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**

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**As Summer Into Autumn Slips**

**By Emily Dickinson**

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**As Summer into Autumn slips  
And yet we sooner say  
“The Summer” than “the Au-  
tumn,” lest  
We turn the sun away,**

**And almost count it an Affront  
The presence to concede  
Of one however lovely, not  
The one that we have loved-**

**So we evade the charge of  
Years  
On one attempting shy  
The Circumvention of the  
Shaft  
Of Life's Declivity.**





## Gatherings at Church

Thank you to Joan for the photograph, which I think was taken at a Monday Club gathering!

These canes could do with some glamming up to better represent the people they belong to.

Here is a bit of information about the gatherings currently on offer at the church.

**Monday Club 2.00pm**

This is a Friendship Group— everyone is welcome. There is good chat, games, crafts, biscuits and occasionally cake!

**Slimming World ;** Tuesdays am, 5pm & 7pm

Led by Ian Bunney Tel. 07743 499292

**Parents and Toddlers group ;** Wednesdays (Term time only)

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

**The Cardiac group.** 7.30pm Cardiac Support Group (3rd Wed of the month)

Speakers and refreshments. Anyone with a heart related problem will be warmly welcomed. David (Chair) Tel. 07941 608604

### **Thursday Club**

This is a Coffee Morning. 10-11am Chat and friendship. Come and join us.

### **Film club**

This is a new venture suggested at the church meeting, showing a film in church, with a cuppa! The first film will be *The Great Gatsby* (hopefully!)

**Saturday** Saturday Brunch (4th Sat of the month)

11.30– 1pm Enjoy a delicious lunch, raffle, tombola, cake stall

**Sunday Sunday Worship** 0am Followed by tea, coffee & chat.

Communion— 1st Sunday of the month

There is a calendar on the church website, for your reference.

## Opera For The People

Do come and join us for an evening of song, stories, supper and lots of fun. We've been locked 'up' for long enough.

Think Opera is stuffy? Strait laced? Boring? Think again!

This lovely lady with her broad Lanky accent is down to earth and fun. Choose songs to sing from Nicola's song menu.

Book your tickets now. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tel. Carol on 079 276 90193

We have been a long time in isolation. We have missed our friends and family.



# OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE

NICOLA MILLS

Friday 14th October, 7.30pm  
Egerton URC,  
Blackburn Road,  
Egerton BL79TB  
(by the speed camera!)

Tickets: £15 (inc. Supper)  
Bring your own drinks  
and glasses.

For tickets call Carol:  
**07927 690193**

*Join Nicola for an intimate evening of Opera and crossover music, in her own unique style. Singing at **Glyndebourne**, in **Opera Houses throughout Europe** and in **New York**, Nicola is a world class soprano.*

*Choose songs from her Song Menu and hear her stories. It's uplifting, friendly and down to earth.*

**It's Opera for the People.**

[www.iamnicolamills.com](http://www.iamnicolamills.com)

## Inspirational Christian Women of Nineteenth Century (5)

Founder of The Salvation Army

**Catherine Booth 1829-1890**

Every December, we hear Salvation Army Bands outside department stores and shopping malls and maybe hear Catherine's Bells. We applaud their efforts in soup kitchens and blanket drives for the homeless. Many of us have seen their trucks collect household items from neighbours preparing to move. William and Catherine Booth started the Salvation Army over a century ago in London England when local churches refused to care for the poor. Their straight-forward approach to ministry has helped them carry the Gospel throughout the world. Catherine Booth's life illustrates her own words, "We are made for larger ends than Earth can encompass. Oh, let us be true to our exalted destiny."

Born on January 17, 1829, Catherine Mumford was raised in Nottingham, England. Her parents were strict in their political beliefs and religious practices. Catherine completed much of her schooling at home due to health problems and a concerned mother. She used the solitude to study God's Word, reading the Bible through several times during her childhood. As a teenager, Catherine loved to debate social issues of the day with her father after dinner. Thought to be an intellectual, Catherine was encouraged to critique a young minister travelling through town. William Booth's passion made his message hard for the congregation to ignore. His charm made him hard for Catherine to forget. The two became instant friends and were engaged shortly before he was assigned to a new post some distance from London. The couple exchanged many letters throughout their three-year separation. Most of her correspondence was encouraging, but Catherine also warned against the fleeting results brought on by highly emotional pleas to the altar and prodded him to reconsider his views on women in ministry.

After marrying in 1855, William travelled the English countryside. Catherine's fragile health and the needs of their growing family kept her from joining in his travels. She raised eight children; one daughter was born with severe disabilities. Catherine began her writing career with a rebuttal to a local pastor who demeaned women's spiritual understanding. She argued that nurture, not nature, was to blame and set out to change the status of women in the church through speaking engagements and self-publishing. Monies she earned were funnelled back into her husband's growing ministry to the poor.



William left his position as a travelling preacher to start The Christian Mission in London in 1865. What began as a group of recently converted volunteers soon became a well-organized operation of getting the Gospel and practical assistance to the downtrodden and forgotten in the East end. Catherine was the first to contemplate the greater possibilities of their work – an army set on nothing less than the salvation of the world. Mission volunteers were often harassed and sometimes physically assaulted as they marched through the streets with their signs and musical instruments calling everyone to their outdoor tent meetings. William would return home late each night with his clothes soaked from the liquor, mud and rotten eggs thrown at him during his crusade. During a strategy meeting in 1878, held at Catherine's bedside, the name of the Mission was officially changed to The Salvation Army.

The Booths' commitment to personal discipleship and cooperative evangelism helped Army converts become able workers for the cause. They share their testimonies, brought friends and family members to tent meetings and gave generously to the Army as they were able. Catherine helped William maintain his vision for the growing ministry, worked with other leaders to establish guidelines for each rank in the Army, and fashioned official Army uniforms when public appearances became more formal than saloons and brothels. Most of the Booth children remained involved in their parents' work throughout their lives. In fact, two of their eight children were the first workers to carry the Army's mission to other continents, including America. Sons-in-law often took Booth as part of their own name to align themselves with the respected family. Franklin Booth-Tucker, in his biography of his mother-in-law, the life of Catherine Booth, explained how the couple's ministry began in the home and kept expanding until it reached the whole world.

Catherine Mumford Booth died of breast cancer on October 4, 1890. Some 36,000 friends and converts attended her funeral. William spent his remaining years ministering, to London's working poor, visiting foreign Army stations, and writing manuals for future soldiers to live and work by. At his death in 1912, the Salvation Army had 9,415 units. This coming Christmas, Salvation Army Bands will play and Catherine's bells will ring out in 94 countries throughout the world including India, Czechoslovakia, El Salvador and Russia. Truly 'large ends' for a sickly woman with little formal education and eight children to raise.

## What is the 'CORNER CABINET' in Church?

**The cabinet allows any donated items to be displayed for purchase via a voluntary contribution.**

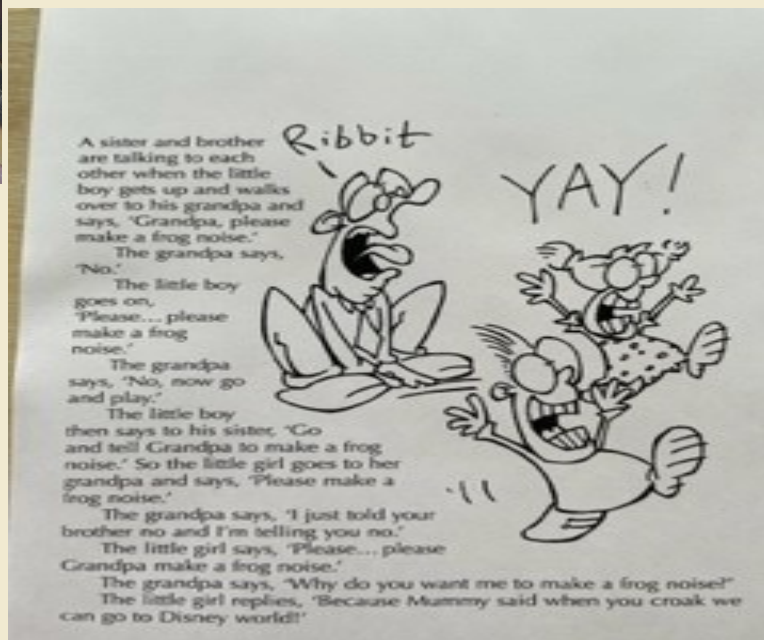
**It generates a steady income for the church from our wide range of church users.**

**This, together with sales of the, very generously donated cards, has raised a magnificent £241 in under a year.**

**Hopefully we can continue to support the Cabinet with donations and purchases.**



### 'ANYTHING GOES'!!!!!!



## Bolton Unity Project's 'Community Summer Walk



Everyone is welcome to join the Bolton Unity Project (Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Wanderers in the Community, Bolton Interfaith Council, Bolton Solidarity Community Association, Bolton Council of Mosques and Bolton Hindu Forum) on a series of 5 'Summer Walks' in July and August aimed at bringing people together from different areas and backgrounds in the Bolton community



## Dates for Saturday Brunches

27th August thank you Nigel and Karen

24th September

22nd October

### **PARENT and TODDLER GROUP**

at

#### **EGERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING (term time only)**  
9.00 - 11.00 a.m.

**Tel: Elaine 07783771815 for more information**

**£2.00 inc. refreshments**



### **Things that the adults who look after us should know**

There are organised activities for each session and refreshments and will be available.

We have a 'socks only' play area in the centre of the hall to keep the carpet clean for babies to play and crawl on.

There are cushions and bouncing seats for babies to sit in for babies to sit in and watch the fun.



### **Please note:**

**Children are the responsibility of their parents/ guardians at all times while attending Egerton URC's Parents and Toddlers group**

# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



## Supporting Ukraine

The lovely people at church have been quietly raising funds for Ukraine. So far the ribbons, sold for £1.00 have raised over £100!

The teddies have been hand made.

The funds raised through the 'name the teddy' activity at the back of church will also go to this cause!

## In the Beginning

Adam was wandering round the Garden of Eden, feeling quite miserable.

'What's wrong with you?' asked God.

'I'm lonely and haven't got anyone to talk to' replied Adam.

God said that He would make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman. He said, 'This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing she will wash it for you.'

'She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement.'

'She will praise you.'

'She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.'

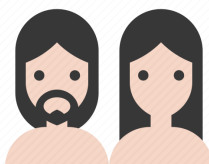
'She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it.'

Looking much brighter at the thought of such a companion, Adam asked God, 'But what will a woman like this cost?'

'An arm and a leg!' replied God.

Adam fell silent for a moment, then asked 'what can I get for a rib?'

And of course, the rest is history!



## Saturday brunch

**Our last Saturday brunch/lunch was Saturday 23rd July 2022 and it was lovely to see the church brimming with people who had come to enjoy the ambiance, have a chat and have a bit of something to eat, as well as possibly pick up a good book or something from the stalls.**

**Sue Topping, Tricia, Joan, Carol, and a host of others did sterling work before, during and after the event to ensure everyone who came had a lovely time.**

**The prime focus of this monthly event is fellowship, and service to the community, but it is also nice that it generates funds for the church's work.**

**Nigel and Karen have kindly volunteered to run this on August 27th, and then the next event booked is Saturday 24th September 2022 ( 11.30 –1.00 I think! )**

**Events and events like it are advertised on Facebook and on the Church website— Stuart does sterling work in keeping us organised and informed!**



## Queen's Green Canopy and 50 Years of the URC Trees

Earlier this year Grace made an excellent suggestion, that we should plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Elders readily agreed.

The official planting was to take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Covid struck! Our junior planters were unable to attend church as there was Covid in the family.

So after the service, the whole congregation trooped outside, BUT no gardeners . So we all went back inside for tea, coffee and biscuits.

The gardeners arrived accompanied by their dad and outside we went again.



Grace was the first to perform, very ably, the planting ceremony of the Queen's Green Canopy tree. Here the tree was a Leonard Messel Magnolia tree.

Latin Name – *Magnolia x loebneri*

“Leonard Messel” It has pale pink goblet shaped flowers that become star shaped as they open – it is deciduous.

Daniel, equally ably, had the task of planting the second tree to commemorate the 50 years of the U.R.C.

The tree he planted was a Portuguese Laurel.

Latin Name – *Prunus lisitanica myrtifolia*. Fragrant flowers in Spring followed by a small crop of berries. Autumn food for garden birds. This tree was kindly donated by Liz and Cheryl.

Thanks Grace and Daniel from everyone at church.



## The Hoover Band

Friday 2nd December  
Christmas Music and Fun

Look out for the Kaleidoscope pies in the Spring!

Dear all,

I'm writing this the day before my holiday starts. Holidays were originally Holy Days – days off with a specifically religious purpose. This is reflected in the fact that both Good Friday and Christmas Day are bank holidays.

What we do on holiday and where and when we go are now very personal choices. For example, I recently spoke to someone who told me that he prefers to scan his work e-mails whilst on holiday and deal briefly with any urgent matters, because otherwise he gets stressed about what will be waiting when he gets back to work. Whereas, I don't look at work e-mails at all, because it's only when I see what they contain that I (sometimes) get stressed.

When I have told folk that I'm going to Scotland this time, most of them have replied 'how lovely'. However, one told me they never go near Scotland because it always rains. I accept that we are likely to have rain, but we'll also have the lovely countryside that the rain refreshes.

Yet another person was enthusiastic when I mentioned Scotland, but when I said we'd be running/orienteering, they said that was where their enthusiasm ended. Though quite a number asked if we'd be walking and thought that was OK!

It's not surprising that our likes and our needs are as individual as we are, whether it's to do with holidays or anything else. However, we mustn't forget that God, in whose image we are made, rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2&3). Not only that, but God commanded us to set aside the Sabbath for rest (Exodus 20:8-11) and decreed sabbatical years every seventh year (Leviticus 25:1-7).

We all need to rest. We need a break from routine and ways of refreshing ourselves, however different these are. This is God's law, which we reflect both in the convention of Sunday being a day of rest (though that is not so much the case these days), in employment law, legal limits on school terms and in many other ways.

We probably all agree with the need for days off and holidays, when it comes to paid employment. However, there are many folk who have taken extra jobs in their time off, because they are struggling to make ends meet. That goes for students too. Their combined study and paid employment can cover a huge number of hours per week. How do they get sufficient time off?

Then there are the unpaid and unending roles of caring for children and other family members, who need help due to age, infirmity or disability. Plus domestic chores like cleaning, laundry, gardening or shopping for ourselves and others. That's before we add many, many hours of voluntary work, in the church or elsewhere.

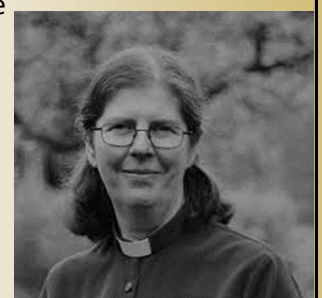
Many of these can be enjoyable and fulfilling, but that doesn't mean that they aren't incessant. Having a break can make all the difference to our capacity to carry on. In other words we need a sabbath of some sort from time to time, however challenging that is to arrange.

We have to remember that we are called to love our neighbour AS ourselves. (Matthew 22:39) That means loving ourselves, just as much as loving our neighbour. So let's work at finding ways to help ourselves and others to have a short break, a change of scenery, or even a few minutes for a walk or a potter. That might be through a carer's club, or a sitting service, or simply offering to take over for a hour or two to let someone have some much needed 'me time' – whatever they do with it.

If you are able to go away for a few days over the summer, I hope you have a great time and come back feeling refreshed. If not, how are you going to benefit from some rest?

May God grant us the refreshment we each need,

Jacky



# Free Things You Can Do In Any Town, Village or City in the UK

As the school holidays drag on it can be hard to think of things to do with the kids, especially if you want to get outside and get some fresh air and exercise. It can also get pretty expensive if you spend your time going to your local cinemas, theme parks and play centres.

So for a change, here are some unusual ideas for things to do with the children during the holidays.

## How Has Your Town Changed?

First you need to find some old pictures of your town, city or village. Search the internet, try your library's local history section for a book of old pictures. [Britain in Old Photographs](#) is an extensive series of books for towns all over Britain, and many local history groups publish their own books of old photographs.



Next, see if you can find the places in the old pictures, and try to photograph them from the same position. **Warning!** Many pictures were taken from the middle of the road in days when there wasn't so much traffic to worry about as there are these days!

## Small Game Hunters

Go on a **Wildlife Safari**. Go to your nearest park, woodland, pond or river and see just how many different types of wildlife live there. Ponds and rivers will have fish, frogs, voles, ducks, insects and maybe geese or swans. You don't have to be an expert, just be able to spot the different types.

Even your local park will have different types of birds, squirrels and insects, as well as lots of breeds of dog!

If you are lucky enough to live near woodland you might see deer as well. Visit [Natural England](#), the [Scottish Wildlife Trust](#) or the [Irish Wildlife Trust](#) for more information on wildlife in your area. English Nature also has some ideas for a wildlife safari in your own garden.



## Have a 'look up day'.

This is a variant of the last idea. Look above the level of the shop fronts in your local high street. You may be able to find extravagant architecture, carvings, date plaques and chimneys all of which are reminders of your town's past. Even many buildings from the 1960's modernist era are being torn down and replaced, so take the opportunity to photograph them now.

Maybe you will be able to guess a previous use of the building. In the 1970's many beautiful Art Deco cinemas were closed down and turned into bingo halls or supermarkets, so if a building looks rather grand for its current use, it may have been a 'picture palace' in the past.

## War and Peace

Go and make a record of your local war memorials. You could photograph or draw them. The Imperial War Museum is building a database of all the war memorials in Britain. Memorials include outdoor ones, usually with crosses or a sculpture of a soldier, and indoor 'Rolls of Honour'.

Sadly many memorials are being lost as churches are deconsecrated and others are simply falling into disrepair. Make a record of those who died for our freedom.



Visit the Imperial War Museum's [UK National Inventory of War Memorials](#).

## Gravely Beautiful

Local graveyards and cemeteries are fascinating. Are any famous or historic figures buried in your local church? What is the oldest readable stone? Which is the most interesting design, the most beautiful angel? My local church has a collection of stones with skulls on them.

This is also an opportunity to teach the children not to run over the graves, and to remind them that other people will be there for quiet reflection, so even if it's out of doors they must still be quiet. A donation to the church funds would be nice if you decide to do this.



## Visit the Library

Bromley Cross Library have a Knit and Natter group, a Book Group and are running Toddler Tales sessions. Go to their website for details. Bolton Library is offering a range of activities!



## Elders Duty Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Minister</u>
<b>Aug 7<sup>th</sup></b> C	Rachel Cronshaw	Luke 12: 32-40	Rachel Cronshaw	Worship Team
" 14 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Swannell	" 12: 49-56	Joan Hall	Mrs Doreen Goodship
" 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Topping	" 13: 10-17	Doreen Healey	Mr Leo Roberts
" 28 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Crook	" 14: 1,7-14	Stuart Bromley	Mr David Foster
<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup></b> C	Steve Swannell	Luke 14:25-33	Nigel Anderson	Mr John East
" 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Topping	" 15: 1-10	Peter Crook	Fr Bill Baldwin
" 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Cronshaw	" 16: 1-13	Rachel Cronshaw	Mrs Susan Holme
" 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Topping	" 16:19-31	Rita Dunn	Rev Jacky Embrey
<b>Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b> C (Harvest)	Steve Swannell	Luke 17: 5-10	Joan Hall	Rev Jacky Embrey
" 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Topping	" 17:11-19	Doreen Healey	Fr Bill Baldwin
" 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Cronshaw	" 18: 1-8	Stuart Bromley	Mr Ian Huddleston
" 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Crook	" 18: 9-14	Nigel Anderson	Mrs Kath Knowles
" 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Topping	" 19: 1-10	Peter Crook	Worship Team

## Reminder of where kids can eat for free or less this summer

### Asda Cafe

Kids eat for £1 everyday with no need for paying adult from the 25th July - 4th September.

### Beefeater & Brewers Fayre

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### Bella Italia

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4pm-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### Cafe Rouge

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### Dobbies

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### Dunelm

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

### Hungry Horse

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### Ikea

Get two kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their restaurants.

### Morrisons

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half-term.

### Table Table

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### Yo!

Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.



## Film Club

One of the suggestions at the recent Church meeting was for us to have a film club. It would be for people to just come along and enjoy, no entry fee and with tea and coffee available.

There was a lot of debate about the best time of the day and the year to hold these so the decision seems to be to vary it a bit so people come if they'd like to!

The first event will be on Thursday 25th August at 6.30 pm... ish...

It will be a showing of the classic film *The Great Gatsby* hopefully.

**BYOB!**

Hope to see you there



### **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

**Church Secretary:** Mrs Roma Hooper

**Church Treasurer:** Mr Nigel Anderson