

EGERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

November December 2022 January 2023

This year in my life,
they'll be some rearranging
and I will let Jesus
do the needed changing.

I am going to give Him,
my heart to reshape
until faith and trust
is its only landscape.

This year in my life,
Jesus will be occupied
working on the things
keeping me preoccupied.

I'm going to give Him,
free access into my head
so nothing will keep me
from being Spirit lead.

This year in my life,
they'll be some reshaping
but only if I let Jesus . . .
institute the changing!



Christmas Bells

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - 1807-1882

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

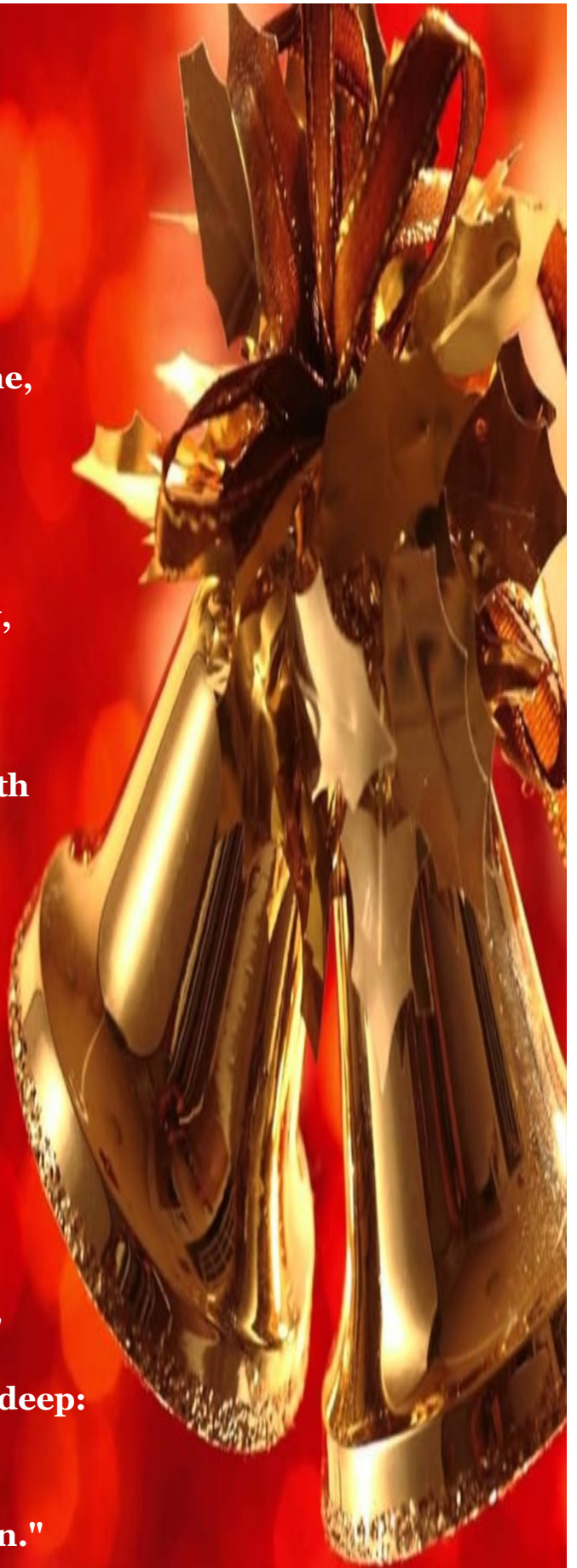
Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."



Gatherings at Church

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 refreshments

First Wednesday of the Month 6.30pm;

See Nigel Anderson or Stuart Bromley for more information

Saturday Saturday Brunch (4th Sat of the month)

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

Sunday Sunday Worship 10am Followed by tea, coffee & chat.

Communion— 1st Sunday of the month

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES EGERTON



Nov: 27th 1st Sunday in Advent
10am

Dec: 4th 2nd Sunday in Advent
10am

Dec: 11th Nativity and Christingle 10am

Dec: 18th Carol Service 10am

Dec: 25th Christmas Day 10am

**Will be a joint service at
Walmsley Unitarian Chapel, Blackburn Rd Egerton**

Dr. Phillips Brooks; wrote one of the most popular Carols.

One carol writer was a Bostonian, Dr. Phillips Brooks; a massive man, six and a half feet high; a linguist, though not a teacher; indeed an attempt to teach Latin as a profession failed and he took the Cloth instead. He was a reformer and humanitarian who warmed towards Abraham Lincoln and the North. In the summer of 1865 Brooks began a year's holiday abroad. He travelled to the Holy Land and was in the old church at Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, an event which so deeply impressed itself upon his memory that two years afterwards he wrote, primarily for his Sunday school, but, in the event, for posterity, a carol addressed to Bethlehem and the Incarnation:

'O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary:
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love'...

November by Linda Brown

Wintry November has come round to stay
Don't worry that it will bring dark dreary days.
Perhaps like the 5th there'll be fireworks & sparks
Excitement and colour to brighten our hearts.

A dull day or one with a crisp, cold, bright sun,
A day for reflection or one filled with fun,
We can't ever know what tomorrow will bring,
A sorrow or joy, that will make your heart sing

Live life to the full and don't worry ahead
"For I'm with you always", our Lord Jesus said.

The Church by J. Darley

Ancient, yet timeless
This image I keep
Of the church and the Churchyard
Where centuries sleep,
Of the glowing arched windows-
The clock face, the steeple,
And the strong country faith
Of God's faithful people.

Submitted by Doreen

Look by Elizabeth Horrocks

Look with new eyes
On everyday things,
See what delight
Doing this brings.

The bright changing sky,
Great waves and sea foam,
The lights of a town,
The road back to home.

And most of all look
With renewed love and pleasure
At the faces of loved ones;
All gifts beyond measure.

January by Iris Hesselden

We left New Year behind us,
Resolutions laid aside,
And now we're on a journey
With hope to be our guide
The winter may seem endless,
Yet just below the earth
So many seeds awaiting
The moment of their birth.
So greet each new tomorrow,
Be cheerful, come what may,
For just around the corner
Spring is on the way!

Egerton United Reformed Church

25th Annual Church Lunch

**This years annual Lunch will take place on
Sunday 13th November**

At Thomas Egerton 12.30 for 1.00pm

Menu

Roast Beef or Roast Chicken

Or Vegetarian Option

Selection of Desserts, Tea or Coffee

£ 17.00



HOOVER BAND



Friday 2nd December 2022

Egerton United Reformed Church

An Evening of Christmas Music with Supper 7.30pm

Tickets £15 Tel: Sue or Ian 01204 308496

Christmas Brunch Saturday 26th November

11.30—1pm.

We would appreciate any help on the day. Donations for the cake stall, Raffle, Christmas Stall and Tombola (wrapped gifts).

These Brunches make up a third of our annual income .

Please come and support your church and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Future events



It is hoped that we will have the Kaleidoscope Pies (A Beatles tribute band) back to entertain us in February or March. Details to be confirmed.

Egerton Community Primary School

Once again School held their annual Harvest Service in Church. The whole school was there and was well attended by their parents and some of our own congregation. The service was conducted by the

Children, accompanied by their usual excellent songs and music.

They will be in church again in December for their Christmas services when we look forward to some more outstanding songs and music.



10-Minute DIY Christmas Centrepiece

A beautiful Christmas centrepiece is one way to make your home feel instantly happy and festive!

You can use this technique to create beautiful Christmas table decorations for your home and as gifts!



- clippings of evergreen shrubs and berries, such as Cedar, Spruce, Magnolia, Boxwood, Holly, etc, and some pine cones.
- you don't need [floral foam blocks](#) to make the Christmas table decorations. However, **if you plan to give them as a gifts, then it's a good idea** to use [floral foam blocks like these](#) because they are easier to transport

- Decorative accents such as [pillar candles](#), glass vase or hurricane , and [LED fairy lights like these ones!](#)



- You will also need a vessel such as a bucket, basket, or wooden crate to hold everything. Here's a tutorial on how to make gorgeous wooden crates from pallets!

Step 1: Set up the containers for your Christmas table decorations
Arrange glass jars and tin cans in a crate or any type of container you choose.

The big one in the centre is facing bottom up, because we will be placing a vase with a candle on it as the centre focal point. This is optional. You can get creative with any decorations in the centre! Pour water into each jar till they are filled halfway , this will help keep the garden clippings fresh for much longer.



Step 2: Add a focal point in the table arrangement
I used [pillar candles](#) inside a glass vase.

Step 3: Add botanical clippings to our DIY centrepiece

Of course we need evergreens for our Christmas table decorations! You probably have a lot more choices of gorgeous conifers

Evergreens such as Cedar, Spruce, Magnolia, Boxwood, all have unique colour foliage and textures. You can create beautiful contrasts and colour variations with a nice mix of evergreens!

The silvery Hebe branches look gorgeous against the blue green Cypress and huge deep green Magnolia leaves.

Add more festive style with red berries!

Tuck some pinecones among the branches. Isn't this fun and easy??





Name any medical condition and there is probably a support group to go with it. I have been involved with Bolton Cardiac Support Group for over 30 years. It has been described as an invaluable source of expert information, friendship, support and so much more by the people who have attended. Our speakers this year have included Dr Scott, Bolton's Lead Cardiologist; Cardiac Rehabilitation nurses and Physios; a Cardiac Physiologist and I am so looking forward to welcoming Blackpool's Lead Pharmacist 16th November. These people are absolute experts in their field and we are so fortunate that they give up their time for us. If you, or someone you know, has had a heart attack or other heart related condition please join us or contact our Chair David Houghton on 07941 608604. <http://www.boltoncardiacsupportgroup.com/>

Opera for the People



What fabulous night. I was anxious that 'Opera' would put people off coming, but I need not have worried. It was wonderful. Church was full and the evening went so quickly. Nicola had a wide-ranging song list to choose from including classical numbers to the Beatles to the all-time favourite *Time to say Goodbye* (always makes me cry). It was fantastic entertainment from a lovely lady. It has been such a long time since we were enjoying these evenings on a regular basis and we so enjoy them. I am so looking forward to when she comes again. Hope you can join us!

Carol

Tea Rota October 30th – January 15th 2023

October 30 th	Carol Fielding
November 6 th	Trish Holden
13 th	Rita
20 th	Cheryl Johnston
27 th	Lindzi Torrance
December 4 th	Mary Bromley
11 th	Sue Swannell
18 th	Rachel Cronshaw
25 th	Christmas Day
January 1 st	New Year's Day
8 th	Sue Topping
15 th	Joan Hall



If you are unable to manage any of the above dates please arrange to swap with someone else on the rota.

Thanks,

Carol

Elders Duty Rota Nov 22—Jan 23

Date	Elder	Gospel Reading	Reader	Preacher
Nov 6th	Steve Swannell	Luke 20: 27-38	Rachel Cronshaw	Alan Morris
13th 10.30am	Rachel Cronshaw	Luke 21: 5-19	Rita Dunn	Lee Higson
20th	Peter Crook	Luke 23: 33-43	Joan Hall	John East
27th	Ian Topping	Matthew 24: 36-44	Doreen Healey	Kath Knowles
Dec 4th	Sue Topping	Matthew 3: 1-12	Stuart Bromley	Mark Bates
11th	Rachel Cronshaw	Matthew 11: 2-11	Nigel Anderson	Michael Hawksworth
18th	Peter Crook	Matthew 1 : 18-25	Peter Crook	Kath Knowles
25th	Christmas Day Unitarians 10am			Jacky Embry
Jan 1st	New Years Day No Service			
8th	Sue Topping	Matthew 3: 13-17	Rachel Cronshaw	tba
15th	Ian Topping	John 1: 29-42	Rita Dunn	Mark Bates
22nd	Peter Crook	Matthew 4: 12-23	Joan Hall	tba
29th	Rachel Cronshaw	Matthew 5: 1-12	Dorren Healey	Neil Carter



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