

EGERTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

August September October 2023

“Spring is beautiful,
and summer is perfect
for vacations, but autumn
brings a longing to get
away from the unreal
things of life, out into
the forest at night with
a campfire and
the rustling leaves.”

— MARGARET ELIZABETH SANGSTER





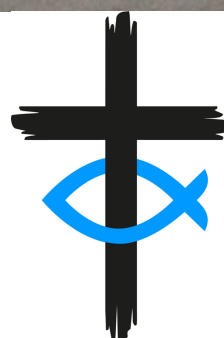
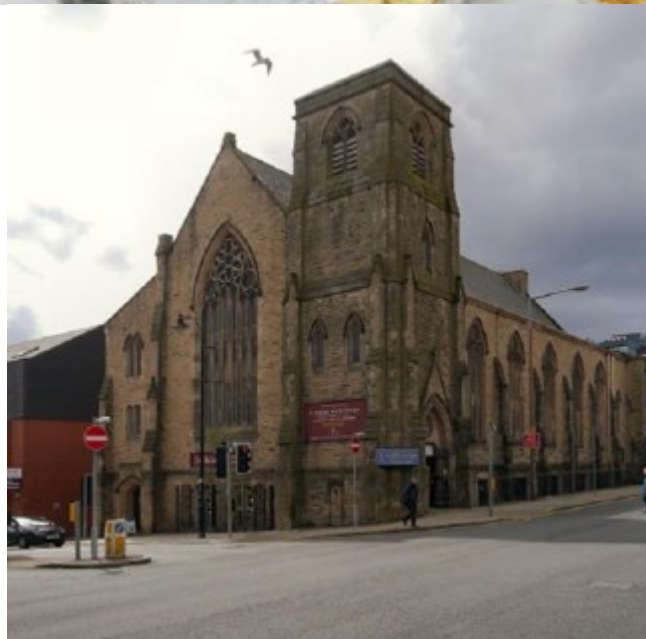
Egerton URC is very pleased to celebrate the Induction and Ordination of the Rev Walt Johnson, which occurred on Saturday 29th July 2023 at St Andrew's and St George URC Church.

Some people from our church watched online and some went to the church. It is a very beautiful church and everybody was made very welcome.

If you have managed to watch the broadcast you will know of Walt's moving sharing of his journey to faith and to this Partnership and the support he receives from all of the Partnership for the journey ahead.

The cake was shared with all the churches the following Sunday and we thank the members of St Andrew's and St George's for their kindness and their hospitality.

We know Walt is a fan of cake, so we look forward to the service for Nigel and to more lovely cake!



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Bringing Autumn In

Grandma's paring apples,
Sign that's full of cheer;
Summer's nearly over,
Autumn's nearly here.
Cozy evenings coming,
Mornings brisk and cool;
Long vacation ended,
Busy times at school.

Grandma's paring apples.
Some of them she dries,
Some make sauce and puddings,
Some make spicy pies.
Pantry smells delicious,
Pockets bulge out wide;
Children with their baskets
Roam the orchard-side.

Grandma's paring apples,
Nicest time o'year;
Firelight and lamplight
Fill the house with cheer.
Odors sweet in cellar,
Rosy fruit in bin;



"The tans will fade but the memories will last forever."

"August is like the Sunday of summer."

"With all these lovely tokens of September days are here, with summers best of weather and the autumns best of cheer."

Helen Hunt Jackson

"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter."

Henry David Thoreau

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

John Steinbeck

*Leaves swirling around
As strong wind gusts hard and fast
As dance of autumn*

*Chilly morning air
Crisp leaves crunch under your feet
Autumn has arrived*

*Spices in the air
Pumpkins waiting in the patch
Tricks and treats await*





Some of you may be aware that the York Stone entrance to our church path was stolen a couple of weeks ago. We are very grateful that a team of volunteers at church replaced the damaged section.

Just inside the Church Gates lay 4.5 sq. meters of York Stone, they have been there for 150 years and have experienced much foot fall, so were somewhat worn, but none of us noticed, though on reflection they did pose a slight hazard but we lived with it.

A couple of weeks ago a passer-by must have noticed this hazard and taken it upon themselves to draw our attention to it by removing half of the stones, this was no act of vandalism, I'm sure the stones found a new home & were up cycled. The up-cycler no doubt benefited from this act, I like to think that any monies received went towards feeding a deserving Church was that now we were missing with something better, Karen and Nigel, paving blocks going spare, generously donated, on the



to think that any monies received a starving family, or were charity. On the plus side for the were forced to replace what was safer. Luckily, we have neighbours who just happened to have 160 retail value £224.00, which they provided we shifted them

On Thursday 5th of July Peter, Jim, Gary and Graham assembled at 10 am on a glorious summer's day, after three hours toil the job of laying a new pathway was completed, whilst all pulled together and did a grand job special mention must be made of Jim, he did all the precise cutting of the bricks, of which there were many.

Many thanks to our local heroes!

What's on at Church

Monday Club ;2.00pm ; This is a Friendship Group— everyone is welcome. There is good chat, games, crafts , biscuits and occasionally cake!

Monday Yoga with Mike Doyle; 7-8pm

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 Lyn 07986 244222 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; The second & fourth Wednesday of each Month at 6.30pm with refreshments during the intermission. We are grateful to all the films that have been donated so far almost 200!

See Lindsey Torrance, Nigel Anderson or Stuart Bromley for more information

Friday Fitness and Age UK;

Saturday Brunch (4th Sat of the month)11..30– 1pm Enjoy a delicious lunch, raffle, tombola, cake stall

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.

Look out on Facebook for posts of upcoming events.



Congratulations

Well deserved recognition for our very own Carol Fielding for the work she does to raise the profile and awareness of pulmonary fibrosis. Her work has engaged many influential partners in this quest, such as Action for PF, Bolton PF support group, MP Mark Logan and Bolton Hospital and Bolton Hospice.

Well done Carol—we are really proud for you!

Defibrillator and Basic Life Support Training

It was yet again another successful and valuable training session, 29th June, with over 20 people joining us, some local and some from further afield, some 'first timers', some refreshing their skills. Everyone had opportunity for hands on CPR and familiarising themselves with the AED – Automatic External Defibrillator. And you all did great! One lady generously shared an emotional story of her daughter being successfully resuscitated and is now fitted with an ICD – an internal cardiac defibrillator. A story which truly brings home how important prompt resuscitation is and we thank her for sharing that with the group. A mum still has her daughter and a child still has its mum. Amazing. Never ceases to inspire me. So, thank you to those who came, we will no doubt hold more sessions in the future.

Also, many thanks to Dave Cook from Bolton Mountain Rescue for giving his time and expertise delivering the training yet again. We raised £90.00 on the night towards the work of Bolton Mountain Rescue, so thank you to all who generously donated.

Remember:

Immediate initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can double or quadruple survival from out hospital cardiac arrest, and defibrillation within 3–5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates up to 50–70%. (NICE 2018)





This book and several other resources were put together to help us celebrate the 50 years of the URC.

2023 is the 150TH anniversary of our church and it would be lovely to mark this in a range of ways through the rest of the year. We need ideas and a plan of action !

Ideas might include;

- Inviting previous ministers back for special services
- Having a get together after the service (with cake!)



- A sing song of favourite hymns
- Putting a timeline of events from the church's past around the church

Give your suggestions and offers of support to the Elders!

**How to feed your Child 3 Meals Per Day
for £1.60 during the Summer Holidays**
(without having to cook)



Breakfast

Get 2 Toasted Crumpets with Jam & Butter FREE at Morrisons Cafes until August 16th when you 'Ask for Ellen'

(Not Just Kids)



Lunch

Kids eat at Asda Cafes for £1 with NO adult spend required until 4th September

(Unlimited Kids)



Dinner

Get a Free Childs meal when you spend just 60p at Tesco Cafes until September 1st 2023

(Excludes Weekends)



The Contemplation Bench

Here are pictures of the Contemplation Bench in the graveyard.

The bench replaces the original that had decayed over many years. It is funded by Egerton URC & Lynn who gave a substantial donation and the plan is to add a plaque in memory of her husband.

We remember people no longer with us.

Home

By Laura Tapper

I love my house; it is, for me, the ideal home.

Although I live here by myself, I never feel alone.

I'm lad that, from my window, I can see the busy street

Where people pass or walk their dogs and tend to meet.

At church folk have a friendly chat (and put the world to rights)

Good neighbours help each other out- on that we can rely.

There's nowhere else I'd rather live; these are reasons why.

Coming Soon!



Church Membership



Egerton URC congregation welcome three new members on the 18th June 2023. Karen Anderson, Lindsay Torrance and Stuart Bromley were made members in a ceremony led by Walt Johnson and were warmly welcomed by everybody.

Thank you all for your support and love. The church always needs new members at whatever stage you're at in your faith journey.

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Wine Tasting

Friday 13th October at 7:00pm

New Date

Egerton United Reformed Church
Blackburn Road, Egerton. BL7 9TB

Selection of Red, White and Rose Wines:

To be based on the supermarket wines
tasted as part of the BBC1 Programme
Saturday Kitchen Live

Includes:

- Half a glass of 6 wines
- Cheese and Biscuits

Book in Advance

£12.50 per person

(money to be pooled to buy wine and cheese)

Contact Nigel Anderson: 07500 899138

To everyone at Egerton URC & all my friends

Thank you for your prayers, beautiful flowers and cards I received - I was very touched! and a friendly welcome back to church.

I am slowly getting back to normal.

Love Mary Bromley

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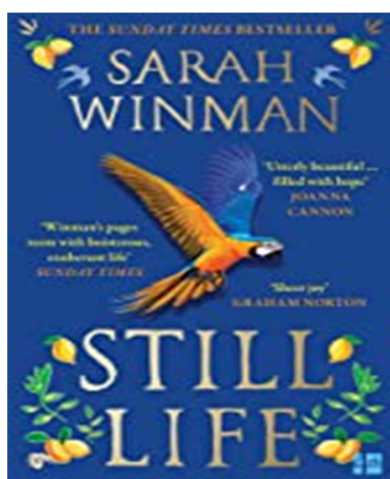
Book Club

Tea, Coffee, Cake and chat

Still Life

By Sarah Winman (5)

Thursday 17th Aug. at 7:00pm



1944, in the ruined wine cellar of a Tuscan villa, as bombs fall around them, two strangers meet and share an extraordinary evening. Ulysses Temper is a young British soldier, Evelyn Skinner is a sexagenarian art historian and possible spy. Evelyn's talk of truth and beauty plants a seed in Ulysses' mind that will shape the trajectory of his.

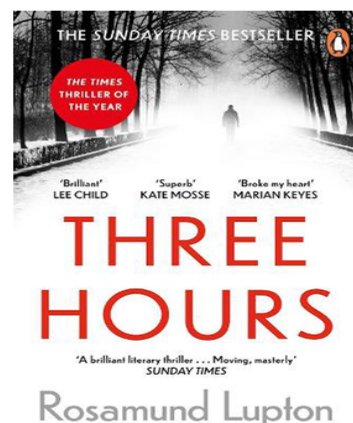
Three Hours

By Rosamund Lupton (6)

Thursday 21th Sept at 7:00pm

In rural Somerset in the middle of a blizzard, the unthinkable happens: a school is under siege.

Pupils and teachers barricade themselves into classrooms, the library, the theatre. The headmaster lies wounded in the library, unable to help his trapped students and staff. Outside, a police psychiatrist must identify the gunmen, while parents gather desperate for news..



All welcome!!!!



Tea Rota 27th August - 29th October 2023

August	27 th	Trish Holden Carol Fielding
Sept	3 rd	Rita Dunn
	10 th	Carol Fielding
	17 th	Lindsay Torrance
	24 th	Mary Bromley
Oct	1 st	Sue Swannell
	8 th	Rachel Cronshaw
	15 th	Cheryl Johnston
	22 nd	Sue Topping
	29 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

Sunday Flowers Rota

Thank you to Karen Anderson for taking over the flower rota. Please feel free to add your name to the rota or donate flowers in the memory of a loved one.



Please pray for those unable to attend church for whatever reason;

**Brian & Jean Harfield
John & Pat Rea
Barbara & Paul Adam
Lynne Ashton**

Duties - August to October 2023

Date *	Elder	Reading	Reader	Preacher *
AUG 6th	Steve Swannell	Matthew.14:13-21	Joan Hall	Mark Bates
13	Nigel Anderson	Matthew 14:22-33	Rita Dunn	Rachel Cronshaw
20	Rachel Cronshaw	Matthew15:(10-20) 21-28	Rachel Cronshaw	Rev Walt Johnson
27	Peter Crook	Matthew16:13-20	Doreen Healey	Leo Roberts
SEPT 3rd	Steve Swannell	Matthew.16:21-28	Stuart Bromley	Rev Walt Johnson
10	Rachel Cronshaw	Matthew.18: 15-20	Karen Anderson	Rev Jacky Embrey
17	Nigel Anderson	Matthew.18:21-35	Peter Crook	Doreen Goodship
24	Peter Crook	Matthew.20:1-16	Nigel Anderson	Rev Walt Johnson
OCT 1st	Steve Swannell	Matthew.21:23-32	Jane Austin	Rev George Mwaura
8	Sue Topping	Matthew.21:33-46	Joan Hall	Alan Nuttall
15	Rachel Cronshaw	Matthew.22:1-14	Rita Dunn	Susan Holmes
22	Nigel Anderson	Matthew.22:15-22	Rachel Cronshaw	Ian Huddleston
29	Peter Crook	Matthew.22:34-46	Doreen Healey	Doreen Goodship

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

Share your thoughts and prayers through our newsletter.

Sunday Worship and

10am with Holy Communion
month

Minister: Rev Jacky Em-
Church Secretary:
Church Treasurer:



Sunday School

on the first Sunday of every

bry
Mrs Roma Hooper
Mr Nigel Anderson