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# APRIL Flowers

Sunday 1st April 2018 Helen & John Illingworth In memory of Joyce, Douglas and Brenda
Sunday 8th April 2018 Vacant
Sunday 15th April 2018 Dorothy Jones In memory of her family
Sunday 22nd April 2018 Elaine & Fred Schofield In memory of Mum & Dad
Sunday 29th April 2018 Anne & Ian Dawson
Flowers lovingly arranged by Helen

Should you know  
of anyone for  
whom Church  
flowers would be  
a source of comfort,  
please contact Helen  
or Joyce.



## 100 CLUB WINNERS

### MARCH 2018

1st	Nr 48	Diane Bennett
2nd	Nr 95	Fred & Elaine Schofield
3rd	Nr 53	Margaret Bamford

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

## "ABOUT PEOPLE"

It is with sadness that we record the death of Edna Goodier and we offer our love and sympathy to her grandson, Christopher and to all the family.

Our warmest congratulations to Ewa and Jules for their wedding which will take place on Friday, 27 April. We wish them a long and happy life together.

*This is your space to share news of every kind, so please keep us informed.*

## STROKE CLUB

John Wood

Stroke Club Concert Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 7.30pm

Tickets are now available for the Stroke Club Concert.

Our friends the Trinity singers will once again be entertaining us and the usual home made "delicious" refreshments will be served – all for £2.00!!

Please come along and support this worthy and very enjoyable occasion.

Tickets available from John Wood (01706 645252) or any member of Church Council

Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Stroke Club Concert

*The Trinity Singers  
Present - Music For You  
Monday 30 April 2018  
at 7:30pm*

*Tickets £2.00 including light refreshments*

*Contact Person - John Wood 01706 645252*

**Rochdale Unitarian Church, Clover Street.**



## REMINDER

### Subscriptions

for NELUM and UCM are now due and may be paid to John Illingworth.



## FILM NIGHTS



Why not come along to join us on one of these evenings - everyone is welcome. If you are interested in the film or in a good value night's entertainment, then we'd urge you to come along.

The film commences at 7pm, we have an ice cream interval and toilet break about half way through. At the end we adjourn to the blue room for a pie and pea supper with home made cakes, tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £6 per person. We doubt you'd get better value for money anywhere!

**Date - 12 May 2018**

### Film - Dunkirk

In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated.

**Date - 22 September**

### Film - Darkest Hour

A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill (Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman) must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe and the threat of invasion is imminent, and with an unprepared public, a sceptical King, and his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, and attempt to change the course of world history.

**Date - 17 November**

### Film - Victoria & Abdul

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

# RUC CALENDAR



**Flower Month**  
Helen

**APRIL**

Sun	01	10.30	<b>E</b> aster Sunday Worship led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie from Bury
Mon	02	10:00	Walking Group Easter Walk (page 11)
Wed	04	5.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Mrs Eunice Smith
Wed	04 - Sat 07		General Assembly Meetings in Daventry, Northamptonshire
Sun	08	10.30	<b>S</b> unday Worship led by Rev Andrew Parker
Mon	09	7.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close
Wed	11	5.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Mrs Eunice Smith
Wed	11	6.45	Women's League Meeting
Sun	15	10.30	<b>S</b> unday Worship led by Rev John Allerton
Sat	21	11.45	Spring Lunch in aid of the Roof Fund
Sun	22	10.30	<b>S</b> unday Worship led by Len Elias from Dean Row Chapel
Wed	25	7.45	General Council Meeting
Sat	28	11.00	North West Provincial Assembly AGM at Gateacre Chapel, Liverpool
Sun	29	10.30	<b>W</b> omen's League Service led by their National President, Ann Gemmel
Mon	30	7.00	Stroke Club Concert

## CHURCH CHARITY 2016 - 2018

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*beyond expectations*

## REGULARS

Please ring - to confirm

**Administrator in Church** - most Mondays 10am till 1pm  
Contact Paul Hubbard - 01706 648461

**Keep Fit Group** - most Mondays at 10:00 am  
Contact Person: Margaret Salt - 01706 852575

**Badminton** - most Thursdays at 8:00 pm  
Contact Person: Margaret Salt - 01706 852575

**Choir Practice** - most Fridays at 7:15  
Contact Person: Helen Illingworth 01706 649015

## ROTAS

### WARDENS

### COFFEE

Margaret Salt  
Diane Bennett

01  
Apr

John & Edna Wood

Helen & John  
Illingworth

08  
Apr

Margaret Shore  
Madge Rimmer

Dorothy Jones  
Margaret Shore

15  
Apr

Helen Illingworth  
Margaret Salt

Edna & John Wood

22  
Apr

Joyce Ashworth  
Pat Chippendale

John Illingworth  
Fred Schofield

29  
Apr

Diane Bennett  
Dorothy Jones

If anyone is unable to attend when on Coffee Rota, will they please arrange cover or see Margaret Shore.- Thanks

## MAY

Wed 02 5.00 Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Ann Shepherd

Wed 02 6.45 Women's League Meeting

Sun 06 10.30 **C**ongregational visit to Bury Church

### Rochdale Unitarian Church



**Spring Lunch**  
**In aid of our**  
**Reroofing Fund**

*Come along and join us  
for a 3 course lunch on  
Saturday 21st April 2018  
At 11:45 am  
Tickets £10*

Contact Persons Helen 01706 649015  
Joyce 01706 659294 - Margaret 01706 852575



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### Walking Group Short break in Northumberland.

Considering all the snow we'd had just before we went and now again as we got back our 3 full days where blessed by dry weather, although still cold and windy! It definitely blew the cobwebs away and you needed to wrap up well, as the photograph shows when we set off on our circular walk up Bamburgh beach, by the side of the famous castle.



The day before walked from Amble to Warkworth and back again where we happened to finish up in an ice cream parlour! By coincidence John and Beryl Allerton were staying not far away in Craster and so on our third day we meet up, spending a nice day browsing the world famous Barter Book Shop and exploring Alnwick.

### Easter Walk



Will we ever get to walk the Ashworth, Cheesden and Naden Brooks walk? Perhaps in May when the bluebells will be out. Our next walk will be on Easter Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, when we're off to Shibden just outside Halifax. We've done the walk a couple of times before and always enjoy it. Also there's the added advantage of Shibden Hall if the weather sets in. Meet at Church at 10 am and bring a packed lunch.



### Book Group

There were only five members at our last meeting when we discussed *I Let You Go* by Clare Mackintosh. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and can recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good suspense. John and Bill read it whilst on holiday and neither of them could put it down!

The next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April when we will be discussing *Trust in Me*, a thriller by Sophie McKenzie.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### JOE SALT MEMORIAL COWM RESERVOIR RACE



### Andems Runners assisted by Rochdale Harriers present: Joe Salt Memorial Cowm Reservoir Race!

Joe Salt contributed over 60 years to Athletics, and Andems are staging the annual Memorial Race.

The Race begins from the Cock & Magpie pub (CockHall Lane, Whitworth, Rochdale, OL12 8BJ) on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm sharp. So please arrive in plenty of time! Race numbers are to be collected on the night, and entry is limited to 200 runners (13-years-old+). The race is measured at 5km, and incorporates 2 laps of Cowm Reservoir. All proceeds are to go to Springhill Hospice and the Breast Care Unit at The Royal Oldham Hospital. A prize will be awarded to ALL finishers!

For further information, please call (01706) 750620 or email [info@andemsrunners.co.uk](mailto:info@andemsrunners.co.uk). Please consider sharing, if coming by car, and park on Cowm Park Way South. Event information kindly supplied by Andrew O'Sullivan:

[https://bookitzone.com/andrew\\_o\\_sullivan/iJ2FFX](https://bookitzone.com/andrew_o_sullivan/iJ2FFX)

**HEYWOOD AODS**  
*presents*  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
a comedy by ALAN AYCKBOURN

**22-26 MAY 2018 @7.30pm**  
**Rochdale Unitarian Church,**  
**Clover Street, Rochdale OL12 6TP**  
**Tickets: £8 (£7 Concessions)**  
**Available from [www.heywood-aods.co.uk](http://www.heywood-aods.co.uk)**  
This amateur production of "Neighbourhood Watch (Ayckbourn)" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

After the huge success of last year's dramatic play 'Steel Magnolias' we welcome back Heywood AODS! This play is a slight departure from last year, as it is more of a comedy that centres around a brother and sister who innocently set up a Neighbourhood Watch group following petty crime from a nearby estate, only for the group to go out of control and become an authoritarian force controlling the lives of the people they are supposed to protect. Come show your support for local theatre!

## DIARY DATES 2018

Date	EVENT
03 Feb	Women's League AGM at Bury
17 Feb	Charity Lunch
11 Mar	Mothering Sunday
21 Mar	Women's League Lunch at Town Hall
24 Mar	Film Night
21 Apr	Spring Lunch
30 Apr	Stroke Club Concert
13 May	Anniversary & Membership Service
20 May	Whit Sunday
12 May	Film Night (note revised date)
30 Jun	Summer Lunch
01 Sep	Women's League Project Lunch
22 Sep	Film Night
13 Oct	Autumn Lunch & Tombola
17 Nov	Film Night
01 Dec	Christmas Lunch

**Interested in learning more?**



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### MAY EDITION

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