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May Flowers

Sunday 5th May 2019
Irene & Brian Nuttall

Sunday 12th May 2019
Thelma Whitworth Abrahams
In memory of Hilda Wild

Sunday 19th May 2019
Margaret Greenwood

Sunday 26th May 2019
Helen & John Illingworth

Flowers lovingly arranged by
Margaret Shore

The flowers either side of communion table - so generously donated, beautifully arranged and very much appreciated are taken to our members and friends who are unable to be with us for many reasons.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome, dear reader, to the May edition of The Messenger. Be honest, a month is too long to wait, and you've missed us!

Well, we're back, and with plenty to keep you and your family occupied throughout the month.



For starters, we have our Anniversary service this month on 12th May, led by none other than former Rochdale minister and GA President 2019 Celia Cartwright — Happy 345th Birthday to us!

In other news, HAODS are back from 28th May with a production run of 'Allo 'Allo (see below), and on 13th May "In Harmony" choir join us for a special Stroke Club final concert.

Finally, this month's film club is showing Peterloo (2018) after John Alker's talk was such a success.

So put those dates in your diary and book early to avoid disappointment. See you in June!

**CONCERT IN AID OF
STROKE ASSOCIATION**

**IN HARMONY
- PRESENT -
MUSIC FOR YOU**

MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 @ 7:30PM

ROCHDALE UNITARIANS OL12 6TP
TICKETS £2.50 - INCL REFRESHMENTS

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Heywood AODS is proud to present

'ALLO 'ALLO

which is being performed at
Rochdale Unitarian Church
Clover Street, Rochdale OL12 6TP

**from Tuesday, 28th May
to Saturday 1st June 2019
at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are available online (or via
telephone with no booking fee
on Tel **01706 631353**)

Tickets £8
available from
www.heywoodaods.co.uk



This amateur production of "Allo 'Allo" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD

Listen very carefully ... I will say this only once! From 28th May to 1st June, the HAODS are joining us again this year for their production of the iconic 'Allo 'Allo. This is surely not to be missed. Tickets are £8. To book, call **01706 631353** or go to www.heywoodaods.co.uk Oh 'eck!

REMINDER! Stroke Club Concert on 13th May from 7.30pm. Tickets £2.50

Clover Street's association with the Stroke Club goes back over 30 years, and this year we will again be helping this worthy cause by donating the proceeds to the Stroke Association. Sadly, the Rochdale Stroke Club closed at the end of 2018, so please come along and support this grand finale!

Entertainment will be provided by our old friends the "Trinity Singers" who have changed their name and the choir is now called "In Harmony".

As always, delicious refreshments will be prepared and served by our ladies and a raffle will be held.

Whilst we hope that on the night past members of the Stroke Club will join us, please consider coming along for this special evening — and don't forget to tell your friends too!

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RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month Margaret Shore

MAY

Wed	01	17.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Ann Shepherd
Wed	01	18.30	Women's League Meeting — talk by Ed Whitaker on "A Visit to Lapland"
Sat	04	13.00	Walking Group — Healey Dell, pg 9
Sun	05	10.30	S unday Service led by Arek Malecki from Leeds
Mon	06	19.30	Book Circle meeting at 5 Bagnall Close, pg 9
Sat	11	19.00	Film Night — Peterloo, pg 9
Sun	12	10.30	A nniversary Service led by Rev Celia Cartwright. To be followed by Jacob's Join lunch.
Mon	13	19.30	Stroke Club Concert, pg 5
Sun	19	10.30	S unday Service led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie
Sun	26	10.30	S unday Service leader TBA

JUNE

Sun	02	10.30	S unday Service led by Vince McCully from Rivington
Mon	03	19.45	General Council meeting
Wed	05	17.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostesses: Joyce & Greta
Wed	05	18.45	Women's League Meeting
Sun	09	10.30	W hit Sunday Service led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie

NELUM DINNER CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, the NELUM dinner that was advertised in the previous edition of The Messenger has been cancelled due to low numbers of registrations. At present, a simple supper is being suggested to take place after the AGM at Rawtenstall on 13th May. Further details to be announced.



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
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****PLEASE NOTE NO SESSION ON 30th MAY****

Choir Practice - most Fridays at 7:15
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ROTAS

WARDENS

MAY

COFFEE

Dorothy Jones Margaret Shore	05	Helen Illingworth Margaret Salt
Edna & John Wood	12	Joyce Ashworth
John Illingworth Fred Schofield	19	Diane Bennett Dorothy Jones
Margaret Salt Diane Bennett	26	John & Edna Wood

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

ROCHDALE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, 1672– Sunday, 12 May at 10.30am

This year, Rochdale's Anniversary Service will be conducted by the G.A. President for 2019, Rev Celia Cartwright. Celia is, of course, no stranger to Clover Street, having previously served the congregation as its Minister!

After the service there will be a "Jacob's Join" lunch. Please come along and share in what promises to be a very special occasion.



"ABOUT PEOPLE"

We are delighted that **Donald Smith** is now home from a period in hospital and hope that he is making good progress towards improved mobility.

At the time of going to print **Irene Nuttall** was in Tudor Court for a period of rehabilitation. We send our good wishes to both her and Brian and trust that she will be home again very soon.

Freda Ashworth has recently moved to The Willows Residential Care Facility on Broad Lane. She is cheerful and appears to be settling well. She

FILM NIGHT



Why not come along to join us at our upcoming film night — 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.

We start at 7pm have a 10-minute comfort and ice cream break at around 8pm followed by pie and pea supper at around 9:15pm. All for the suggested donation of £6.50. All we ask you to do is to let us know in advance if you intend to come so that there is supper for everyone.



Date - 11th May, from 7pm

Film - Peterloo (2018) Dir: Mike Leigh

2018 Historical Drama, starring Rory Kinnear, Maxine Peake, Neil Bell.

To mark the Bi-centenary of the Peterloo Massacre, and to follow on from John Alker's very successful and well-attended talk on March 14th, we are hosting a special film night.

This film is a dramatic re-telling of the events that preceded the fate-fall protests at St Peters Fields in Manchester on August 16th 1819.

M UDDY BOOTS



Walking
Group



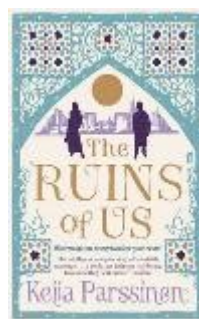
The Good Friday walk at Wheelton near Chorley was led by Lynne Hutton. It was a beautiful day and we were all soon taking off jumpers and fleeces as the morning got warmer and warmer. The first part of the walk was alongside a beautiful stretch of the Leeds/Liverpool Canal. After a picnic lunch the return journey was along country lanes passing lovely houses and gardens back to the start point. Thanks to Lynne for an excellent walk which I am sure we will repeat.

The next walk will be on Saturday 4th May from Healey Dell to Lanehead and back. Hopefully the Tearoom will be open at the end of the walk. Meet at Station Road, Broadley at 1.00 pm.

B BOOK CIRCLE



Book
Group



The book choice for May, *The Ruins of Us* by Keija Parssinen, set in Saudi Arabia promises to be an interesting read. The main character is an American expatriate who discovers that her husband, a Saudi billionaire, has taken a second bride—an emotionally turbulent revelation that blinds them both to their teenaged son's ominous first steps down the road of radicalization. The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 6th May at Bagnall Close. New members are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

Work to begin on Holland Street Roof!

Just as the Messenger was going to press, we received the excellent news that, having secured the remaining funds from NELUM, work will now begin to repair and refurbish the Holland Street roof.

Many thanks to all those who have donated to our repair fund over the past year, and a special thank you to the volunteers who have helped out at our charity lunches and services which have raised funds towards the project.

Flying high to raise a roof and charity funds!

Following on from the above article, a reminder that Joyce and Abi are preparing to zip the fastest and longest zip line in the world!

They will be flying high to raise money towards our roof and funds for Grace's Place (Children's hospice). Your support in sponsorship would be much appreciated...they would be happy to receive any encouragement too!

Full details of the event and sponsorship will be coming soon.



Fly me to the Stars (or even Great Hucklow)

Anne Evitts, fellow member at Bury church, is asking for sponsorship for her fund-raising gliding experience at Hucklow. Anne says:

"In the summer of 1952, I joined 5 friends from Rochdale Unitarian Church to spend a week at Great Hucklow. We had a wonderful time; I particularly enjoyed watching the gliders as they soared on the thermals above the village. How I wished I could be up there with them."

With the help of George Scaife, Anne hopes to make that dream come true and raise £60,000 funds for Send A Child To Hucklow! Further details and sponsorship forms to follow.

EC ELECTION RESULTS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) 2019

Result of ballot:

MARION BAKER (Upper Chapel Sheffield) 933 ELECTED

REV JIM CORRIGALL (Golders Green Unitarians) 808 ELECTED

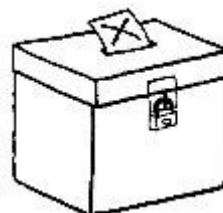
HILDA DUMPLETON (South East Wales District Unitarians) 876 ELECTED

ROBERT INCE (Fulwood Old Chapel Sheffield) 737 ELECTED

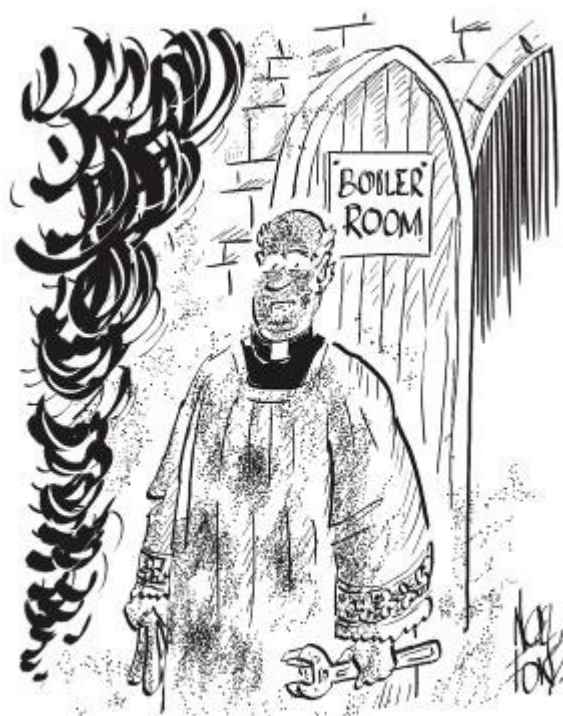
SUSAN LOUDON (Chowbent Chapel Atherton) 709

REV DR ROB WHITEMAN (Dundee Unitarian Church) 759 ELECTED

Spoilt ballot papers - 3
Total ballot papers received - 1182 (39%)
Total ballot papers dispatched - 3035



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The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'

EVENT DATES 2019

Date	EVENT
30 Mar	Film Night — Finding Your Feet
16-19 Apr	GA Meetings — Birmingham
27 Apr	Spring Lunch
28 Apr	Women's League Service
11 May	Film Night — Peterloo
12 May	Church Anniversary Service
13 May	Stroke Club final Concert
15 June	Summer Lunch
24 Aug	Women's League Project Lunch
14 Sep	Film Night — Wonder
12 Oct	Autumn Lunch
16 Nov	Film Night — The Greatest Showman
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch

MISSION STATEMENT

Unitarians promote a free and inquiring religion through the worship of God and the celebration of life; the service of humanity and respect for all creation; and the upholding of the liberal Christian tradition.

We encourage and unite in fellowship bodies which uphold the religious liberty of their members, unconstrained by the imposition of creeds.

We affirm the liberal religious heritage and learn from the spiritual, cultural and intellectual insights of all humanity."



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