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April Flowers

Sunday 7th April 2019
Flower Donation Vacancy

Sunday 14th April 2019
Elaine & Fred Schofield
In memory of Mum & Dad

Sunday 21st April 2019
Dorothy Jones
In memory of her family

Sunday 28th April 2019
Ann & Ian Dawson

Flowers lovingly arranged by
Helen Illingworth

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100 CLUB WINNERS

MARCH 2019

1st	11	Jane Glennon
2nd	38	Andrew Illingworth
3rd	28	Helen Illingworth

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Goodness, where does the time go? It's April already! And don't forget to set your clocks for the start of British Summer Time this weekend too.

It may officially be "Summer Time" but, between you and me, I think it's still very nippy out. Well never mind, because here at Clover Street we have plenty to keep you warm and active!

Some dates from the calendar: On Sunday 14th April we are having a Congregational Meeting after service to discuss this year's GA motions; on Good Friday (19th of April) our walking group is out by the Canal at Wheelton; and on 27th April, we have our Spring Lunch and Tombola (see details on pg 10).

In our pulpit this month, we welcome back Jim Stearn from Lincolnshire and Jill Walsh from Macclesfield. Jim's service, on the 14th, will be his last, as he steps down as a worship leader after many years of faithful service to the movement. Thank you, Jim, we wish you all the best!



Flying high to raise a roof and charity funds!

Joyce and Abi are preparing to zip the fastest and longest zip line in the world (date to be confirmed but probably in June).

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.



ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

AINSWORTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE + AFTERNOON TEA Sunday, 7 April at 3 pm.

In recent years we have tried to support Ainsworth congregation for this event. The Service will be led by Rev Lynne Readett and afternoon tea will be served afterwards in the schoolroom. For catering purposes names on the list on the noticeboard please.

ROCHDALE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE Sunday, 12 May at 10.30 am.

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.

SPECIAL REPORT

The Peterloo Massacre By John Alker

Your Editor is pleased to report that the talk on Peterloo, hosted at Clover St on 14th March, was an amazing success.

Attendees turned out from all over the borough (and beyond) to hear John speak about this shocking and momentous occasion in Lancashire history.

John was an engaging speaker who had all of us on the edge of our seats for the full hour — no mean feat!

Following this success, if you have a suggestion for a future public talk, then contact us using the details on page 2. We would love to hear from you!

RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month
Helen Illingworth

APRIL

Wed	03	17.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Eunice Smith
Wed	03	18.45	Women's League Meeting
Sun	07	10.30	S unday Service led by Paul Hubbard
Sun	07	15.00	Ainsworth Chapel Anniversary and Afternoon Tea — see pg 3
Mon	11	19.30	Book Circle meeting at 5 Bagnall Close
Sun	14	10.30	S unday Service led by Jim Stearn from Lincolnshire
Tue-Thur	16-18		GA Meetings at Birmingham Metropole. Delegate for Rochdale: Diane Bennett
Sun	21	10.30	S unday Service led by Jill Walsh from Macclesfield
Sat	27	19.45	Spring Lunch — see pg 10
Sun	28	10.30	W omen's League Service led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie. Soup & Sandwiches included. Donations to Smile Train.
Mon	29	19.45	General Council Meeting

MAY

Wed	01	17.00	A fternoon Tea — Hostess: Ann Shepherd
Wed	01	18.30	Women's League Meeting — talk by Ed Whitaker on "A visit to Lapland"
Sun	05	10.30	S unday Service led by Arek Malecki

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS GA MOTIONS

Sunday, 14 April after morning service

At this meeting, you will hear what motions will be voted on at this year's General Assembly.

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard, and speak to the delegate for Rochdale, Diane Bennett.

Don't miss out!



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
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Edna & John Wood	07	Joyce Ashworth
John Illingworth & Fred Schofield	14	Diane Bennett & Dorothy Jones
Margaret Salt & Diane Bennett	21	John & Edna Wood
Helen & John Illingworth	28	Margaret Shore & Madge Rimmer

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

"A District Dinner for All"

NELUM Churches

Please note that on Friday, 17th May, from 6.30pm to 7pm, a NELUM dinner is to be held at Rawtenstall Unitarian Church.

There needs to be at least 30 attendees to make this event viable, so please spread the word and put your names on the noticeboard at church if you wish to attend. Further details to follow.



“ABOUT PEOPLE”

Welcome back to **John and Edna Wood**. We're delighted to have you amongst us again following another wonderful trip “down under”.

Joyce Ashworth would like to thank all those who sent such lovely new home cards. “Really nice to receive them and I am slowly settling in”. Her new address is: **2c Norden View, Forsyth Street, Norden, Rochdale, OL12 7RF**. Telephone number remains the same. Joyce looks forward to receiving visitors when she is a little more sorted!

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

34 Alice Ingham Court
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Dear Friends

I wish to thank you all for your lovely cards to celebrate my 80th birthday.

I had a lovely birthday, which I will remember for a long time.

Thanking you once again

Pat Chippendale



"I must say, I can't wait to see our vicar bunji-jumping off the church tower with the bride and groom!"

M UDDY BOOTS



Walking
Group



Leeds/Liverpool Canal. Picture © Robert Wade

Sadly, March's walk was cancelled due to wet weather and busy lives: moving house, relatives visiting for the weekend, granddaughter's birthday party etc. We were going to walk round the reservoirs at Greenbooth which will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Our next walk will be on Good Friday 19th April when our friends Lynne and Bill will be leading. The venue is Wheelton near Chorley. It's an easy walk, partly by the Leeds/Liverpool Canal and along farm lanes and footpaths. Please meet at Church at 10am and bring a packed lunch.

B OOK CIRCLE



Book
Group

The book of the month for April, *The Penguin Lessons* by Tom Michell, sounds delightful. When schoolteacher Tom Michell pulls a penguin from an oil slick off the coast of Uruguay he has no idea what to do. Back at his apartment, and following a battle of wits, Tom manages to clean the oil off the penguin. But upon returning to the beach the penguin refuses to jump into the ocean, instead following Tom back up the beach and staring meaningfully into his eyes. Tom has one option: to smuggle the penguin over the Argentinian border to the prestigious boarding school he calls home.

There follows a heart-warming story of one remarkable penguin, who quickly adapts to boarding school life. Whether it's as team mascot, confidante or swimming coach extraordinaire – Juan Salvador the penguin brings joy and enchantment to the lives of all he meets during some of the darkest and most dangerous days in Argentina's history.





CLOVER STREET, ROCHDALE OL12 6TP

Spring Lunch

Don't forget to put the date in your diary! On **Saturday 27th April from 11.45am**, we are hosting the next in our series of special lunches at church.

As well as the usual fine fayre, in the form of a 3 course meal, we have the return of our popular Tombola! This is definitely an event you don't want to miss, so spread the word!

In case the print on the picture isn't clear, contact details for tickets (£10) and further info is as follows:

Helen Illingworth **01706 649015**, Joyce Ashworth **01706 659294** and Margaret Salt **01706 852575**.



Tombola Stall — John Wood

Again we will be running the ever popular and traditional Tombola Stall at the Spring Lunch and, as before, we appeal for donations of bottles and chocolates.

In order to assess the number of prizes, please could you let me have your donations on or before Sunday the 20th April in order that any additional required items can be purchased

We thank you for your very much appreciated past support for this event, and in order to make this feature of our lunches another financial success, we again ask for your most welcome contributions.

Stroke Club Concert — 13th May from 7.30pm

Due to the sad closure of our old friend, the Rochdale Stroke Club, it was decided that this year we will still hold this event.

To maintain our long support, the proceeds from this year's concert will go to the Stroke Association and we are hoping on the night past members of the Stroke Club will join us

Entertainment will again 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 the usual raffle will be held.

Please come along and support this event. Although the Stoke Club is no more, our association with them goes back over 30 years and in supporting this year's concert, we will again be helping this worthy cause by donating the proceeds to the Stroke Association.



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 May	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

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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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