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NOVEMBER



Flowers

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* * * * *	Sunday 11th November 2018	* * * * *
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* * * * *	Flowers lovingly arranged by Margaret Salt	* * * * *
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Should you know
of anyone for
whom Church
flowers would be
a source of comfort,
please contact Helen or
Joyce.



Any society and group wishing to give
advance notification of events please notify
any member of the Publicity Team.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, there's certainly no mistake that we are well into Autumn now, with the wind and rain lashing at my windows. Just one of the many joys of living in Rochdale during this time of year. But don't let the weather get you down, no, because we've got loads going on at church to take your mind off things! As well as a sumptuous afternoon tea (thanks in advance to Kate Salt), this month sees the return of our popular film club (including pie supper). And if potato-peel pie or cream teas with the ladies aren't your thing, then why not pop round to Bagnall Close on the 5th for our book group? Before I forget many, many thanks to all those who volunteered their time and effort to help out at our Autumn Lunch—it was a fantastic success, thank you! And in closing I attach a letter Clover St has received from Margaret Greenwood in response to the Harvest basket she received. You are most welcome, Margaret; we hope you enjoy it!



2 Moss Row

Dear Friends

Thank you most sincerely for the Harvest Gift Box — so full of surprises!

Margaret G



picture: <https://venuecymru.co.uk/guernsey-literary-and-potato-peel-pie-society>

FILM CLUB NEWS—17TH Nov 2018

Continuing our World War II series we are next showing The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war. There is no charge for the film but a donation of £6.00 for the ice cream and pie and pea supper would be appreciated.

MUDDY BOOTS



Walking Group

October's walk is to be held on 27th October, so it's not possible to give a report in this edition. Hopefully, it will be a glorious day when the trees at Tandle Hill will be in their autumn colours. The walk takes in a section of the Rochdale Canal at Slattocks and threads through Stakehill industrial estate but you would hardly know you are surrounded by warehouses. Following a refreshment stop to take in the wonderful views from the war memorial at the top of Tandle Hill the path drops back down to the canal via Thornham Lane.

The next walk will be held on 3rd November when we will walk to Lobden following a new route from Thrum Hall. If the weather is good and there's time we'll call at the tearoom in Healey Dell for a cup of tea and piece of cake.

Picture by Garry B: <https://therunningbug.com/discussions/thread/16109>



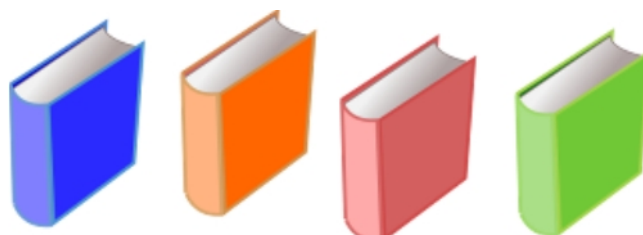
BOOK CIRCLE



Book Group

As I was on holiday at the beginning of October I missed the meeting when The Housemaid's Daughter by Barbara Mutch was discussed. I didn't manage to read it before I went away but am assured that it was a good read – see the synopsis in the October Messenger.

The book of the month for November is Protection by G J Moffat which is a thriller. Bodyguard Logan Finch's life depends on his ability to do just that. Now he's got his toughest job yet – protecting American serial killer Chase Black who has been released from prison on a technicality and is in London promoting his memoirs. The meeting is on Monday 12th November at 5 Bagnall Close.



RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month
Margaret Salt

NOVEMBER

Sat	03	13.00	Walking Group – Lobden
Sun	04	10.30	S unday Service led by Laura Dobson from Chorlton
Mon	05	19.30	Special Events meeting at Church — see pg 8.
Wed	07	17.00	Afternoon Tea — hostess: Kate Salt
Wed	07	18.45	Women's League meeting — speaker: Brenda Sharples "Quilling"
Sun	11	14.00	R emembrance Service led by Rev Tony McNeile
Mon	12	19.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close
Sat	17	19.00	Film Night — with supper!
Sun	18	10.30	S unday Service led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie
Sun	18	14.00	Advent Service (filmed) at Dukinfield
Mon	19	19.15	NELUM meeting at Chowbent Chapel
Sun	25	10.30	S unday Service led by Jean Clements from Denton
Mon	26	19.45	General Council Meeting

DECEMBER

Sat	01	11.45	Christmas Lunch
Sun	02	10.30	T oy & Gift Service led by Jim Stearn
Wed	05	17.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Edna Wood
Wed	05	18.45	Women's League Christmas Meeting
Sun	09	10.30	S unday Service led by Rev Beryl Allerton
Sun	09	12.15	Joyce Ashworth's Birthday Lunch — see pg 8.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH – 23rd Dec

Following last year's success, a congregational lunch at Madison's will be held again this year after Worship. A provisional booking has been made but we need to give a firm order during this month. If you wish to be included please put your name on the appropriate list and Joyce will shortly be collecting a deposit of £10 each.

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	02	John & Edna Wood
Helen & John Illingworth	09	Margaret Shore & Madge Rimmer
Dorothy Jones & Margaret Shore	16	Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt
Edna & John Wood	23	Joyce Ashworth
John Illingworth & Fred Schofield	30	Diane Bennett & Dorothy Jones

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

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE –

Sunday, 11 November

NOTE: time of this Service is 2 pm to allow those who wish to attend the Service at the Cenotaph to do so.



ADVENT SERVICE AT DUKINFIELD – Sunday, 18 November

UKUnitarian TV will be filming an Advent Service at Dukinfield on Sunday 18 at 2.00pm conducted by Rev Andrew Parker. We are invited to join the congregation at Dukinfield to help make an even more lively congregation. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the noticeboard in church, indicating whether you need, or can offer, transport.

Please add your name by **Sunday 4 November**.

“ABOUT PEOPLE”

It was with much sadness that we learned of the death of **Brian Holden** who helped us out on many occasions when we had no organist. Brian had reached a good age but was still active in the Canal Society and with his own church, Spotland Methodist Church. He will be missed in numerous ways.

We were sorry to hear that **Terry Shore** has spent some weeks in North Manchester Hospital. To him and to Jean we send our good wishes.

Hearty congratulations to **Peter Illingworth**, who celebrated a big "0" birthday at the end of last month.

ENGAGEMENT GROUP



Terracotta Warriors at the Liverpool World Museum — special report!

On 17th October, the intrepid adventurers from Clover Street set out for the train station equipped with little more than brollies and a Liverpoolian phrase book.

The group met for lunch in the faded grandeur of the Adelphi Hotel — quite the experience—before taking the walk to the museum itself.

It was well worth the effort! The exhibits themselves were thoughtfully displayed, alongside much detailed information to explain the history and context of everything in view (Joyce had to be dragged away). At the end of the exhibition there was a filmed reconstruction of an emperor's tomb, which was extremely well-rendered. Many thanks to Joyce for organising the event, and to Helen for supplying the pictures!



SPECIAL EVENTS MEETING – Monday, 5 November

Everyone welcome – this is the meeting when dates are fixed for next year's events and discussion takes place around possible new activities for the coming year. This is your chance to have to make suggestions and have a say – don't miss the opportunity!

JOYCE ASHWORTH
would be delighted if
members of the congregation
could join her for a
celebratory
BIRTHDAY LUNCH
in the church Blue Room
after Worship on Sunday, 9
December 2018

Request “no presents” please
(if you feel you must
donations to roof fund
welcomed)

Names please on the list on
the main notice board as soon
as possible and no later than
15 November so that catering
arrangements can be made

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The donations from this year's Christmas Card Scheme will be going to the charity Toilet Twinning. This scheme uses funds donated to work together with communities across the World, "helping people access a decent toilet and clean water, as well as promoting the importance of good hygiene." For more information on this excellent cause and how you can get involved further, visit www.toilettwinning.org. Or see the church noticeboard for further details.



TOY & GIFT SERVICE

Sunday 2nd December

Please remember that the first Sunday Slot in December will be our Toy and Gift Service. The service is being led by Jim Stearn from Lincolnshire.

Toys donated in this service will go to the local Petrus charity, as voted for in this year's Congregational AGM; with collected monies and the worship leader's fee going to Send A Child to Hucklow. Both very worthy causes, I'm sure you will agree.



SMILE LINES (WWW.PARISHPUMP.CO.UK)

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and they seemed to fascinate the seven-year old. 'All those names,' he said to the minister. 'Who are they?'

'Well, they were people who used to go to this church,' explained the minister. 'This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services.'

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, 'Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?'

When children tell Bible stories (real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...)

St John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says 'do one to others before they do one to you'.

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off of the entrance.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCH

Saturday 1st December

The Christmas Lunch will be held on Saturday 1st December at 11.45 am price £10.00. This is our most popular lunch when the main hall will be decorated for Christmas and the fare is suitably festive. Tickets will be available from the beginning of November.



EVENT DATES 2018

Date	EVENT
17 Nov	Film Night
01 Dec	Christmas Lunch
02 Dec	Toy and Gift Service

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."

Ethos for Rochdale Unitarian Church:

- ◆ "We aim to be a faith community which supports individuals in taking ownership of and responsibility for personal beliefs and actions.
- ◆ We offer a supporting environment in which to embrace life and its challenging questions."

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