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Flowers

* * * * *	Sunday 3 rd October 2021 Diane Bennett In memory of Family & Friends	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 10 th October 2021 Flower Donation Vacancy	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 17 th October 2021 Jackie White In memory of Josephine Arnold	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 24 th October 2021 Margaret Salt In memory of Family & Friends	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 31 st October Flower Donation Vacancy	* * * * *
* * * * *	Flowers lovingly arranged by Joyce Ashworth & Helen Illingworth	* * * * *

The flowers either side of our communion table are taken to our members and friends who are unable to be with us for many reasons.

Should you know of someone for whom Church flowers would be a source of comfort and solace please have a word with Helen or Joyce

100 CLUB WINNERS

SEPTEMBER 2021

1st	49	Diane Bennett
2nd	26	Katherine Schofield
3rd	95	Elaine Schofield

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to October's Messenger newsletter. As well as rolling over to volume 136, this month marks 1621 editions of our church newsletter at Rochdale! Can many other Unitarian publications match this? I doubt it! Speaking of other Unitarian publications, please find enclosed your renewal slips for this newsletter and also The Inquirer for 2022.

In other more exciting news, we are excited to announce an update to our future ministry at Rochdale (details on opposite page), as well as extend invites to special up-coming events at our sister churches in Ainsworth and Padiham (see pages 9 & 11 respectively).

Now draw the curtains, put the kettle on, and settle-down to enjoy the rest of this autumnal issue!

REALLY EASY CAULIFLOWER SOUP (SERVES 4)



(Cooler weather is likely on the way - here is a recipe to counteract that)

- 400g cauliflower florets
- 300ml whole milk
- 200ml water or vegetable stock
- Salt & pepper to season

Put cauliflower florets in large saucepan with milk, water or stock with salt and pepper.

Bring just to boil over medium heat, then turn down heat and simmer for 10-15 mins till cauliflower is tender.

Using slotted spoon, remove cauliflower from cooking liquid and transfer to a blender.

Add half cooking liquid and blend on high speed until smooth.

Add remaining liquid, taste and adjust seasoning.

Serve piping hot with hot buttered toast.

FUTURE CHURCH

Special Congregational Meeting – held to discuss our future ministry

As reported in the August Messenger, Abi completed ministry training with OneSpirit Interfaith Foundation and is now recognised as Reverend after her ordination which took place in July. Because of her close association with Church and the invaluable help she gave us during this, our interregnum period, General Council approached Abi to see if there was any possibility of putting our association on a more formal basis.



We are very pleased to report that after a few discussions with Abi and with the unanimous approval of members of the congregation at our special congregational meeting on 19th September, this is now likely to become reality.

Because of our relatively small membership it was felt that at 50% appointment would be better suited to our needs and finances. Abi too has other commitments and so it was agreed that initially we would have an interim 6-month period to allow both the congregation and Abi time to assess the feasibility of the arrangement and work/life balances etc.

Abi will not be on the GA Roll of Unitarian Ministers and as such she will not have the support structure normally associated with it. We therefore approached our good friends the Reverends John & Beryl Allerton who were delighted to be involved and offer any ministerial support that may be necessary.

Council considers this to be an exciting time for the congregation of our church and look forward to a long and happy relationship with Abi and her family.

John Illingworth



RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month
Joyce Ashworth & Helen Illingworth

OCTOBER

Sun	03	10.30	Sunday Service led by Paul Hubbard
Mon	04	19.30	General Council Meeting via Zoom
Sun	10	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Ashley Hills
Mon	11	19.30	Book Circle in Blue Room
Sun	17	10.30	Sunday Service led by Tom Grimshaw
Sun	24	10.30	Sunday Service led by Prof Geoff Levermore
Sun	31	10.30	Sunday Service led by Graeme Pilbrough

NOVEMBER

Mon	01	19.30	General Council Meeting via Zoom
Sun	07	10.30	Sunday Service led by Karyl Cross
Sun	14	14.00	Remembrance Service led by Jean Longworth

ROTA

WARDEN/COFFEE ROTA FOR 2021

Margaret Salt & Joyce Ashworth		26 Sep	31 Oct	05 Dec
John & Helen Illingworth	29 Aug	03 Oct	07 Nov	12 Dec
Margaret Shore & Dorothy Jones	05 Sep	10 Oct	14 Nov	19 Dec
Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt	12 Sep	17 Oct	21 Nov	25 Dec
Dorothy Jones & Margaret Shore	19 Sep	24 Oct	28 Nov	

Important - should you be unable to attend please arrange for a stand-in, it is difficult for one person to cover both functions.

100 CLUB 2022—REMINDER

Renewals now open for our 2021 series!

We will soon be sending letters out to all our 100 Club subscribers reminding them to renew for 2022. This long-running and popular scheme is a fun way to raise money for church upkeep, as well as being in with a chance to win some cash too! Three numbers from 1-100 are drawn a month at random, with prizes £30, £15 or £5 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Each number costs £12 to register for the year, and you can win as many times as your number is drawn!



UNITARIAN PUBLICATIONS RENEWALS

This issue of The Messenger contains the renewal slips for subscription to Unitarian publications for 2022.

If you wish to continue your subscription to The Messenger and to The Inquirer for next year then please fill-in and return the slips, together with payments, to: Paul Hubbard, Rochdale Unitarian Church, Clover Street, Rochdale, OL12 6TP. Cheques must be payable to 'Rochdale Unitarian Church' (otherwise, the bank may not accept them!).

The INQUIRER



The Monthly Messenger

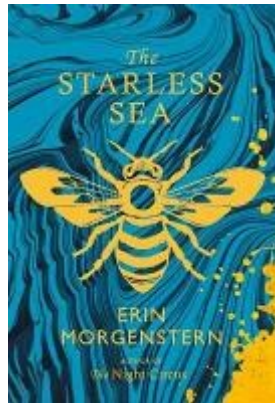
"ABOUT PEOPLE"

We send our love and condolences to Kate Salt and the boys whose mother and grandmother passed away recently in Somerset following some time of ill health.

BOOK CIRCLE



In September members were delighted to meet in person for the first time in 18 months. We were also delighted to welcome our new member Adele Henson who we hope will be able to join us regularly. With a membership of ten there are too many for my lounge so we are meeting in the Blue Room at Church for the time being which enables safe distancing and doors and windows to be open when necessary.



We meet again on 11th October when we will be discussing *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern. Here is a short flavour. *When Zachary Rawlins stumbles across a mysterious library book containing details from his own life among its pages, it leads him on a quest unlike any other. Following the clues inside, he is guided to a masquerade party, a dangerous secret club and finally to a labyrinth filled with stories, hidden far beneath the surface of the Earth.* As you can imagine the genre is classed as 'fantasy' which might not suit everyone but I'm looking forward to reading it.

Helen I

SMILE LINES!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHURCH— HARVEST FESTIVAL: 3.00 PM SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER PREACHER: MRS ANNE MILLS

We warmly invite you to our special, afternoon service for the Harvest Festival when we are delighted to welcome Mrs Anne Mills, as President of The General Assembly, to take this service.

We also look forward to welcoming The Deputy Mayor of Bury, Cllr Shaheena Haroon who will be joining us for this occasion.

Do please join us for tea and cakes in the Schoolroom, following the service.

All the downstairs box pews will be open and you are asked to sit wherever you feel comfortable. We recommend that you wear masks (unless exempt) and also allow 1 metre distancing with others, unless in the same bubble.

There will be 3 hymns and you are invited to sing quietly behind your mask, if you wish to do so. There will be sanitised hymn books available.

The Chapel will be open on Saturday, 2nd October from 11 am for decorating the Chapel, if you can help or wish to drop off any Harvest gifts.

The following service will be our early 'Service of Remembrance', 10.30 am Sunday 7th November, led by me, with Barry kindly offering to bring his Yamaha Organ. Please let me know if anyone would like to do a reading.

I hope you'll be able to join us.

Shirley Horrocks



FROM THE SUBLIME ...

OCTOBER REFLECTION

Sometimes, when with deliberation
I set out to enjoy nature with a capital "N",
my eagerness and expectation
can lead to disappointment.

But if, without intent, I step outside
merely to hang washing on the line,
I am completely overwhelmed by the fine
October day:

the singing birds, the sparkling light,
the falling leaves put to flight -
all introspection, I belong
to the simple life of the bird song
and sunlight and Autumn breeze,
and for a brief moment am at ease
in the world, disarmed into the peace
of the everyday.

TO THE RIDICULOUS!

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*After his induction, Harry met the
leaders of the other denominations*

LANCASHIRE COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY (UNITARIAN)

A South African Celebration

Sunday 10 October 2021 at 5:00 pm,
Unitarian Church, Padiham, BB12 8JH

We are pleased to offer the opportunity to hear the
fascinating story of an unique love story between an
English Roman Catholic priest and a young South
African nurse during the time of apartheid.

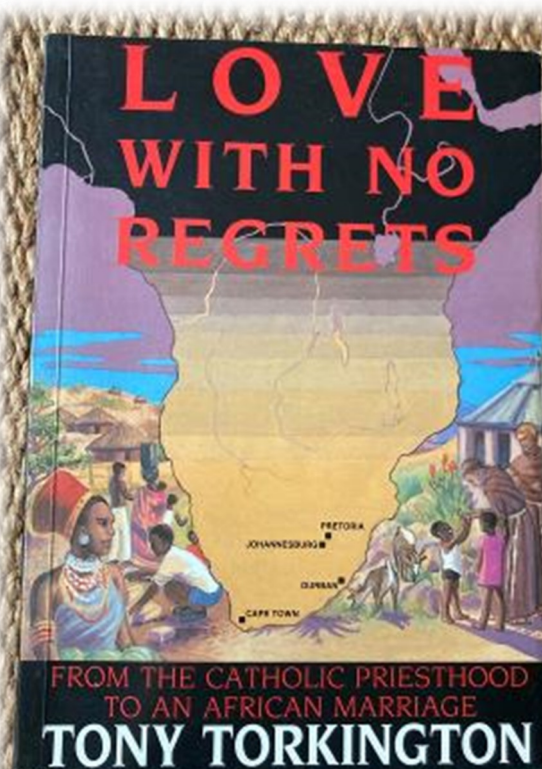
Explore faith, politics, love and a culture full of hope,
diversity and tradition.

The evening will consist of a discussion with Father
Tony's widow Professor Protasia Torkington, music
and an authentic South African braai (barbecue).

For further information and to register interest please

Email: admin@lancashirecollaborativeministry.org

or Phone: **07341 932558**



EVENT DATES 2021

Date	EVENT
3 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Paul Hubbard
10 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Rev Ashley Hills (Service Online via Zoom)
17 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Tom Grimshaw
24 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Geoff Levermore
31 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Graeme Pilbrough
7 NOV	10.30am Sunday Worship — Karyl Cross
14 NOV	2.00pm Remembrance — Jean Longworth
21 NOV	10.30am Sunday Worship — Arek Malecki
28 NOV	10.30am Sunday Worship — Graeme Pilbrough

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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