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

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100 CLUB WINNERS

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1st Nr 67 Martin Whyment 2nd Nr 44 Ann Shepherd

Congratulations

Glynn Whyment

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

ETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, September is upon us. And so begins another jam -packed month for the Unitarian cause in Rochdale. Highlights include: the Women's League project lunch, in aid of the UK Sepsis



Trust, to kick us off (support this, if you can); not one but TWO afternoon teas this month (thank you to Jean Taylor); our long-awaited Film Night (see opposite page for details); and a NELUM workshop hosted at our church. And of course, all of this is in addition to our regular Sunday morning worship slots. This month guest preachers include Rev Penny Johnson, from Dean Row; Jean Clements, Denton; Laura Dobson, Chorlton; and — of course — Abi Elliott-McGuffie. Goodness, Abi, where do you find the time?

OOKING —AHEAD



CHURCH ROOF

We are pleased to advise that the first phase of the re-roofing works will get underway during the course of next week. Full scaffolding is not needed for this phase and so we don't anticipate any disruption to normal church life. Main access for the contractors will be via the bin store area although from time to time it will be necessary for them to work in the corridor and use our kitchen and toilet facilities.

We are carrying out the works in two phases as funds and grant support will allow. Because Clover Street is the roof in most need, we were keen to get the works completed before winter set in. The works are scheduled to last 8 weeks and will bring the added benefit of insulation to improve our energy efficiency and sunlight tubes to the corridor improving the ambience and after redecoration giving the general areas a modern feel.

Overall the works will cost us in the region of £96,000 including VAT and we do have a designated reroofing fund to which donations can be given or sent, at anytime. We are actively pursuing grants and it is hoped that we can raise approximately £48,000 or 50% of the cost the other 50% being paid for by the Trustees. Currently, including grants and promised donations the reroofing fund stands at £18,000 which is over 40% of the way towards our target. We have a large grant application under consideration by NELUM and our Autumn Lunch will be run solely in aid of the reroofing fund, so fingers crossed we may well reach our target. Your continued support is essential.

ILM NIGHTS



Why not come along to join us on one of these evenings everyone is welcome, if you a interested in the film or in a good value nights 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 $\pounds 6.50$. 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.

We doubt you'd get better value for money anywhere!



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.



RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month

Joyce Ashworth, Helen Illingworth

SEPTEMBER

Sat	01	11.45	Women's League project lunch — in aid of the UK Sepsis Trust
Sun	02	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Penny Johnson from Dean Row Chapel
Mon	03	14.00	Book Circle at 136 Furbarn Lane, Norden — afternoon tea to follow!
Wed	05	17.00	Wednesday Tea — Hostess: Pat Chippendale
Wed	05	18.45	Women's League Meeting — Talk: "On Bletchley Park And All That"
Sat	80	13.00	Walking group — pg 10 for details
Sun	09	10.30	Sunday Service led by Abi Elliott- McGuffie
Thurs	13	19.15	NELUM workshop on Governance
Sun	16	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Tony McNeile
Mon	17	19.45	General Council meeting
Sat	22	19.00	Film Night — with supper
Sun	23	10.30	Sunday Service led by Jean Clements from Denton
Sun	30	10.30	arvest Service led by Abi Elliott- McGuffie

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Wed	03	17.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Helen Wilkinson
Wed	03	18.45	Women's League meeting — speaker TBA
Sat	06	11.30	Women's League Manchester District Meeting — service to be led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie
Sun	07	10.30	Sunday Service led by Laura

Autumn Lunch 13th October 2018

Just a reminder to all you most generous supporters who have very kindly donated bottles and chocolates in the past, that we are again holding a Tombola at the Autumn Lunch on Saturday 13th October. Once again, PLEASE help us make it as successful as before – if not more so. Remember, more donated prizes, more profit and all the money raised adds to the success of the Autumn Lunch!

REGULARS

Please ring - to confirm

Administrator in Church - most Mondays 10am till 1pm Contact Paul Hubbard - 07884 123 169

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

V	WARDENS		COFFEE
E	Edna & John Wood	9	Joyce Ashworth
	John Illingworth Fred Schofield	16	Diane Bennett Dorothy Jones
	Margaret Salt Diane Bennett	23	John & Edna Wood
	Helen & John Illingworth	30	Margaret Shore Madge Rimmer
	Dorothy Jones Margaret Shore	07	Helen Illingworth Margaret Salt

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



DVANCE NOTICE

NELUM WORKSHOP – Thursday, 13 September, 7.15 pm.

This event to be held at Rochdale will be facilitated by Congregational Support Officer, Simon Bland. The workshop will cover questions surrounding many aspects of church governance.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We hope for a good congregation at our annual Harvest Festival on 30th September which will be conducted by Abi Elliott-McGuffie.

"ABOUT PEOPLE"

Hearty congratulations to **Irene Nuttall** who celebrates her 90th birthday this month. Do enjoy your celebrations to the full Irene.

We were all saddened to learn that **Joan Fitton** has died at the amazing age of 97. She and her husband, Jack gave many hours of their time to our Dramatic Society and through their work gave much pleasure to very many people.

As The Messenger went to print, we were informed of the passing of **Patsie Mayers**, secretary of the Rochdale Budgerigar Society, one of our regular lettings. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

SPECIAL REPORT

NINE-TEA

The Nine-Tea held on 4th August was very successful, as you will see from the photograph below, of all the 90+ year olds present. A BIG thank you to all those who were involved with organising the event and for John and Diane's video and photographic displays.



Apparently, all of the ladies pictured above are 90 or over. Well, what's your secret girls? I hope I look so well-preserved if I ever get to 90! — Ed

A special note of thanks for the 90-TEA event was received by the Editor from Margaret Greenwood. I have pinned it to the church noticeboard, if congregation members wish to read it.

And thank you — We are glad you enjoyed it!

DVANCE NOTICE

Women's League & Project Lunch

Saturday 1st September Commencing @ 11:45am

Proceeds shared between Women's League & The UK Sepsis Trust



For more information visit www.sepsistrust.org

TICKETS ~ PLEASE CONTACT Dorothy Jones - 01706 659877 Eunice Smith - 01706 643319 Margaret Salt - 01706 852575 Or any member of the Women's League

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Findhorn Unitarian Network (F.U.N) Experience Week

MAY 11TH - 18TH 2019

Come and find the quiet centre...



WHAT: The Findhorn Foundation is an independent community whose members aim to live sustainably and to develop spiritually as individuals.



The F.U.N Experience Week is your chance to participate in this unique experiment in alternative living with fellow Unitarians from across the UK!



WHERE: The Findhorn Foundation is located outside the town of Forres, on the Moray Firth in picturesque Northwest Scotland.



WHO: For further information please contact:

"Our learning with other Unitarians provided an especially supportive and fur time resulting in We-changing insights through Love in Action, Inner Listening, and Co-creation with Mature.... A truly heart opening experience!"—Judy Senior Whitehead, 2018 F.U.N Participant.



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MALKING GROUP





Image and walk details: http://www.village-link.com/Walk-5-Park-Farm-Nangreaves-Rowlands-Road.html

As the Messenger goes to press the Walking Group has not met for the Village Link walk from Park Farm to Nangreaves on 25th August. Hopefully the weather will be perfect and the Ice Cream parlour a big hit!

The next walk is planned for 8th September when the plan is to do the 4 mile Shoe Trail which takes in the Halo Panopticon overlooking Rawtenstall. This will include a visit to Whittaker Museum so bring some money for refreshments. Meet at Norden terminus at 1.00 pm.

B OOK CIRCLE







Alison McQueen, author of this month's book "The Secret Children"

We have a special meeting arranged for September – afternoon tea at the home of our newest member Jean Taylor! Hopefully there will also be time to read the book of the month The Secret Children by Alison McQueen. "Assam, 1925. Surrounded by the dramatic landscape of a tea plantation, sisters Mary and Serafina grow up in a world of contradiction and confusion. Born to a beautiful but naïve Indian mother and dynamic Scottish father, they are loved but hidden away. For these are children who cross two very different cultures and are accepted by neither." There will be an update next month, but those who have already read it couldn't put it down.

CONGREGATIONAL

UPCOMING LIVERPOOL TRIP

Joyce Ashworth is organising a trip from church to the Terracotta Warriors exhibition at the World Museum in Liverpool. Eleven members have already expressed interest so far. The exhibition closes at the end of October, and is already well booked up, so an early reply as to whether you are interested in joining us would be appreciated.

Currently, the week beginning 15 October, on Tues, Wed or Thurs (16, 17 or 18 October) are potential options, but this will depend on what the museum can offer. Adult tickets are £14.50 and you would need to add rail fare and something for lunch.

S MILE LINES

Church Secretaries With Typewriters

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church secretaries with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services (many thanks to Jacqueline White for these):

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the

They need all the help they can get.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

DIARY DATES 2018

Date	EVENT
30 Apr	Stroke Club Concert
13 May	Anniversary & Membership Service
20 May	Whit Sunday
26 May	Film Night
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

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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