

“Methodist and United Reformed Church News in Darwen”

*Working together to learn, live, love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **June and July 2026**

**CENTRAL**

**BRIGHT STREET**

**SPRING VALE**

**TRINITY**

**TOCKHOLES**

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*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

“Old life under the New Master”

***Dear Friends,***

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to transform the lives of millions even today.

In our lifetime, we encounter many people and situations under different circumstances. Such experiences leave us with memories - some to cherish and others to lay aside. Yet, each encounter invites us to reflect on how our own perceptions are shaped and changed over time.

The Bible records many remarkable encounters between God and His people - Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and many others. Through such encounters, their lives were profoundly transformed, enabling them to become instruments in accomplishing God’s purposes.

Let me draw your attention to one such powerful encounter - God’s meeting with Saul of Tarsus, who later became Paul.

Apart from Jesus, there is no doubt that Paul significantly shaped the history of Christianity. He was a prominent member of the Jewish community, a devoted Pharisee, and a man deeply rooted in Scripture, having been taught by Gamaliel (Philippians 3:1–11). Following the death of Stephen and the persecution of early Christians, the Church was compelled to take seriously Christ’s Great Commission to spread the Gospel (Matthew 28:16–19).

Saul, being a passionate and zealous man, saw this new Christian movement as a threat to Judaism. Having witnessed Stephen’s stoning, his zeal drove him to persecute followers of Christ, even seeking to destroy the Church.

With the authority of the High Priest, Saul set out on the road to Damascus to arrest Christians and bring them to Jerusalem. It was on that journey that he encountered the risen Christ. This personal encounter transformed his life completely — Saul became Paul, and his life was never the same again. His former zeal was not lost, but redirected, now used for the proclamation of the Gospel (Acts 9).

What a transforming encounter! From persecutor to preacher, Paul became a passionate witness to the risen Christ. His life, shaped by grace, led him to travel throughout the Roman Empire, proclaiming the Gospel with courage and conviction. He wrote letters of encouragement, challenge, and instruction - many of which are now part of the New Testament. Though strong in personality, he remained willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit, becoming known as the apostle to the Gentiles.

When Paul submitted himself to the will of God, his background, education, privileges, zeal, and even his weaknesses became tools for God's mission. No wonder he could declare: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

As we enter the season of Pentecost, let us reflect on our own encounter with the risen Christ. If such an encounter has not yet taken place, we are all invited to surrender our lives afresh and seek Him. Such encounters may not be as dramatic as Paul's, but we can be assured that the Lord continues to meet us where we are.

Is your life under the guidance of this new Master, the risen Christ? Are you willing to allow Him to transform your life into something beautiful - something that will bring hope and change to others? If this is your desire, then surrender yourself fully to Him, and discover what God can do in you and through you today, and in the days to come.

May I commend you to the God of all grace, that He may enable you to be an instrument of the Gospel — bringing grace, peace, love, forgiveness, comfort, and hope to all in Christ as we continue to walk in the light of Pentecost.

This is my prayer for all of us, *"Gracious God, we thank you for your enduring presence and unfailing love. We ask that you fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit each day, that we may serve you faithfully in all that we do for your glory. Strengthen us in times of weakness, guide us in all our decisions, and use us as instruments of your grace and peace. May our lives reflect your love, and may we bring comfort, and hope to all whom we meet every day."* Amen.

Shalom my friends Shalom  
*Rev Dr. Joseph B. Suray*

Beloved Church Family,

The life of the Church is never still. It moves with the seasons of the Spirit — through celebration and change, through challenge and hope — and we are blessed to travel that journey together.

As we enter these summer months, many of us will welcome a gentler rhythm — longer days, moments of rest, perhaps time with family and friends. In the life of the Church, this season carries us from the joy and fire of Pentecost into the steady walk of everyday discipleship. Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon us, we now reflect on how that same Spirit sustains and guides us in daily life. Trinity Sunday reminds us that we belong to a God who is community and love, and in the weeks ahead we are encouraged to grow in trust, compassionate service, and lives that bear lasting fruit. This is the season where faith is lived not only in great celebrations, but in steady commitment — and through that quiet faithfulness, God continues His work among us.

There is much for which we give thanks. First, we warmly congratulate Rev Gilbert on attaining his doctorate. This is a significant and joyful achievement. Gilbert, we thank God for your dedication and perseverance. Your scholarship enriches the life of our whole Missional Partnership, and we pray this milestone will continue to bear fruit for God's kingdom.

We also give thanks for the faithful leadership of Clare, our Moderator, whose farewell service at the end of May was filled with gratitude and affection. We pray that her retirement will be richly blessed. As we continue under the leadership of our new Moderator, we trust that God will guide us with clarity, unity and peace.

We celebrate too the coming together of Lancashire East and South Partnerships to form one Partnership. This is a hopeful and encouraging step, and we offer our prayers that this new chapter will deepen fellowship and strengthen mission.

In the life of the Church, there are moments of joy and moments of sorrow. We celebrate milestones and answered prayers, and we gather to commend loved ones to God, surrounding families with compassion and hope. We also give thanks that Mal, who has been in hospital for a long time, has now been discharged. We continue to hold him in our prayers as he recovers, trusting the Lord who sustains and restores to grant him renewed strength and peace. As Scripture reminds us, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." In all things, we remain a resurrection people, trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We look forward to our Mission week, focusing on Cameroon. As we listen to the stories of faith and resilience from our global Church family, may we be strengthened, challenged and inspired in our own discipleship — responding with generosity, justice and renewed commitment to Christ's work in the world.

We also want to recognise those who faithfully serve through the many projects and ministries that bring life to our Partnership — our building teams, charity initiatives,

Messy Church, Muddy Church, Eco Church, Repair Café, Art Clubs, DARE, and so many other expressions of service. We see you. We see the time, energy and heart you give. What may sometimes feel ordinary is, in truth, extraordinary faithfulness. Through your willingness, God's love becomes visible in practical and powerful ways. Thank you for being the Church beyond the walls.

Finally, thank you to everyone who works tirelessly for this Missional Partnership to grow. Every prayer whispered, every act of service offered, every quiet conversation held in love matters deeply. Christ is building His Church among us. It is a privilege to serve among you and to walk this journey of faith together.

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6–7)

May we be deeply rooted in Christ, gently built up in love, strengthened for service, and overflowing with thankfulness in this season and always.

With prayer and every blessing,

Your minister,  
Revd Noma Marambi

**Refugee Week - Support for DARE**



### **CENTRAL (Janet Goodship)**

Easter at Central was celebrated by having in the church the 'tree' which had been decorated by those attending the Good Friday activities, which included a walk in Sunnyhurst Woods – brave souls who did that in such horrible weather. The service was made even more special because it was the Rev'd Noma's first service with us since her induction. Her son, Mufaro, also made his mark by ably assisting with the Powerpoint – thanks, Mufaro. Unmissable also was Kay's beautiful Easter hat, made by her late husband.



In April, Pastor David Grimshaw came to our pulpit for the first time. He made a big impact on the congregation, not least by singing a solo, a hymn which was new to us. His excellent voice also gave us a good lead in the congregational singing. We hope to see him leading our worship again in the future. George Grime spoke about Ascension Day and how it was celebrated more in other countries, especially France. He focused on the idea that one small act of kindness can set off a chain of events leading to a good outcome.

Barbara followed up the theme of Ascension in the following week, suggesting that the disciples at the time of Jesus' ascension were told not to keep looking up at the heavens where Jesus had gone, but focus on the 'here and now' which they did by prayer, giving us an example to follow.

In Christian Aid week, Alison and Kevin once more gave their time and energy to preside over a quiz night, which raised £276 for the charity. A good time was had by all, ending in a dramatic tie-break between the two teams tying for first place. The winning team, incidentally, also won the last Quiz Night! Many thanks to Kevin and Alison. A cake sale was also held after the service that week which raised £68.50, giving a final total of £344.50. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christian Aid fund-raising.

Sadly, the deaths of two long-standing and much-loved members of the church have occurred during this last month. This is what Liz said when announcing the death of Paula Chynoweth.

'Sadly, Paula Chynoweth passed away this week. She was a lovely lady who joined our congregation from Lower Chapel Church many years ago. We will all miss her but we are glad she is now out of her suffering. She helped on the flower rota and when we look at the flowers arranged in church we will remember her with fondness.'

Kathleen Knowles also died this month, peacefully, with her family round her. Kathleen will be greatly missed not only at Central but also at Tockholes, in which she played a very active part for many years. Kathleen was such a character, always ready for a good chat, good humoured, and usually ending conversation with, 'Well, I mustn't complain!' ...and she didn't, but just got on with life.

**Birthday Celebrations:** Karen's daughter Kerry, granddaughter Saffron and great granddaughter Violet (2); Alison's niece Rachel; Ann Halliwell's grandsons (Matthew and Thomas), Kathryn her daughter (70) and grandson Harry; Joyce, Christine, Margaret Oldham, Alison's granddaughter Sylvie (5), Doris celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and her grandson; Kay (81), Ade, Margaret Williams, Pauline Henson, Mavis, Beryl Shaw, Margaret Burns, Jean Yates, Ann's husband Christopher.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ade and Adebola

**Prayers** - Each week in church we continue to mention people by name in need of our prayers, thinking of Doris' husband Raymond, Margaret Williams and Jean Yates in Care Homes, Pauline's husband Mel, and friends of Val who are going through a very difficult time at the moment..

**Coffee Bar Rota**

June 7th	Janice Cowell, Elsa Peacock
June 14th	Dorothy Yates, Margaret Burns
June 21st	Barbara Duxbury, Karen Narramore
June 28th	Margaret East, Liz Staffa
July 5th	Beryl Shaw, Pauline Henson
July 12th	Barbara Duxbury, Karen Narramore
July 19th	Dorothy Yates, Margaret Burns
July 26th	Janice Cowell, Elsa Peacock

**Central Fellowship – 2 pm** AGM 18<sup>th</sup> June, restarts October

**Bible Study - 10 am** - 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2nd July

**Flower Rota**

June 7th	'In memory' Raymond and Doris Hamer
June 14th	'In memory of Tony ' Liz Rutherford
June 21st	'In memory of G E Yates' the family
June 28th	Flower Fund
July 5th	Flower Fund
July 12th	'In memory' Margaret Williams
July 19th	Flower Fund
July 26th	Flower Fund

The flowers in Church on May 17th were donated by Doris Hamer to celebrate her 90th Birthday. Happy Birthday Doris.

**Vestry Duty** June – Liz Rutherford. July – Barbara Duxbury



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christian Aid Quiz on 16th May and our cake stall after our morning service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The total amount raised was £344.50.

Thank you for your generosity.

### **TRINITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS (Judith Atkinson)**

Our latest Muddy Church session on 4th April was attended by about 20 children and was our annual Easter egg hunt. The children first hunted for plastic eggs on the field, and then they returned to church and swapped the plastic eggs for chocolate ones. Thank you to everyone who came along to help, and to Sarah for providing the cakes!

We had our annual spring clean up in April. Thanks to George, Janet, Sandra, Frank and Sarah for giving up their time to help. We should also like to thank Kath for all her hard work painting the church. She is currently doing the rear porch.

Those celebrating birthdays have included Dawn and Sheila. We hope you both enjoyed your special days. Continuing with the celebrations, we congratulated Gilbert and Florence on their marriage.

Finally, in our prayers recently we have remembered Hilda; Stephen; Sheila; Lilian and Malcolm; Ruth; Mary, who unfortunately is back in hospital; Majid's sister and family in Iran; Helen's sister Judith and her partner Kath; and Danny's friend Paul.

**Warm and welcoming room for hire  
at Trinity Church, Sandy Lane, Lower Darwen**

For details contact Janet Grime on 01254 54305

### **TOCKHOLES URC (Anne Treadwell)**

Once again, another couple of months of positive feelings and actions at our Chapel. Just as the Spring is blossoming, so our congregation is growing, as well as the warmth, fellowship and strength. The services are always thought-provoking and the friendship and chat afterwards just as interesting.

We have had a mixture of emotions this past season. Sadly, our dear friend, Kathleen Knowles, passed away. She gave so much enthusiasm to the Chapel, as she was an efficient secretary and organiser, listening to everyone's needs and attending to them. All this was done with a smile, sense of humour and friendliness. Her funeral will be in Tockholes Chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Blackburn Crematorium. Kathleen will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

Because of illness, I have not attended Chapel as regularly recently, but it has continued to be a source of inspiration, comfort and strength. The Palm Sunday service led by George Grime reminded us of the contrast between Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his anger at those making money from selling goods at the temple. Some of us made paper crosses afterwards. (Mine is now proudly displayed in our sitting room – third attempt at making it!) Terry Young led the Easter Day service which I believe was excellent. Afterwards, a beautiful cross decorated with flowers was placed outside the Chapel, a witness to our Christian fellowship. The following week, Barbara Duxbury's prayers continued to make me want to be a better person in thoughts and actions. Noma has also preached and administered communion in Tockholes recently, welcoming everyone in our Chapel. Last Sunday, John East preached on hopes and fears and once again his ability to tap into people's feelings came to the fore, along with his gift of seeing the funny side of life. My apologies for missing various preachers and services through illness.

I would like to thank all those who have supported and continue to do so through the past few months, through friendship, visiting, sending gifts, cards, messages and emails, and especially through their prayers. I feel your encouragement which is strengthening and uplifting me.

On the last Sunday of June, we celebrate the Chapel's anniversary. It is only 300 years and a few months older than me so we have a long way to go! Our former minister, Sarah Moore, will conduct the service which we are hoping as many people will attend as possible. It is normally a joyous time, encouraging us to lead life to the full.

With good memories of the past and strong hopes for the future, we continue to see Chapel flourishing.

### **Flower Rota**

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Whalley
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr and Mrs Treadwell. In memory.
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Vacant
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Anniversary. Mrs Brennand
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Emma, Holly and Daisy
12 <sup>TH</sup> July	Mrs Whalley
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Closed
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Closed

### **SPRING VALE METHODIST CHURCH (David Foster)**

We have had a busy couple of months at Spring Vale. We celebrated Easter with our friends at Bright St on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and Pam Greenhalgh led our Easter Day celebrations which included our Sunday School. We also welcomed a new member into fellowship in April.

The church held a successful Quiz Night in April, and we raised £450 for the church. This will help with some of the improvements we are planning, including refurbishing one of our classrooms to accommodate our expanding Sunday School/Junior Church.

Kath Hodgkinson led worship for our Sunday School Anniversary in May, we had 40 people in the congregation, and 15 children received their prizes for regular attendance. The Sunday School continues to grow with another new family starting to attend. We are planning a special "puppet service" in September.

Our Stay & Play Toddler Group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings and will be going on a trip to Smithills Farm in June.

Our Bible Group continues to meet every Thursday evening; we share a meal together and then have a discussion on the Bible, we have 10 people who regularly attend.

We hold regular Mission Group Meetings every few months to discuss the way forward for our/God's church and how we can further our mission. Some of us will be attending a Church Growth Course in the next two months looking at how we can develop youth work.

## **NEWS FROM BRIGHT STREET METHODIST CHURCH (Karen Rowley)**

Greetings to you all from everyone at Bright Street. Time seems to be flying by too quickly; it only seems like yesterday when we were celebrating Easter. We began our Easter services with a Maundy Thursday meal and communion service. 30 people sat down to a meal of Lamb hotpot pot with veg followed by apple crumble and custard. The communion service replicated the time that Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room on the night before his crucifixion. On Good Friday we held a short reflective service led by Reverend Joseph, and on Easter morning we had a wonderful celebration service led by Charlotte Rumble.

The following Saturday we had another celebration of Easter when 'Apples of Gold' led us in word and song telling the Easter story. We had a wonderful afternoon and many people said they had thoroughly enjoyed it and commented on how they felt the room was filled with the Holy Spirit. We followed this with a light tea of sandwiches and cake, and donations collected amounted to £220 which was donated to DARE. Our grateful thanks go to 'Apples of Gold' who work so hard to perform so beautifully.

Our Friday Time group continues to thrive under the leadership of Elizabeth who astounded as all when she turned up at the group just one week after having a knee replacement. As I write this, it is still only three weeks since her surgery and she's walking around with no crutches and no stick. Well done Liz and thank you for all your hard work.

Stay and Play continues to thrive with an average attendance of 34 children plus their carers. What a privilege it is to be sharing with them every week; they are an absolute delight. I couldn't do it though without the help of the kitchen staff, Val and Angela, and without the help of Elizabeth who helps with the crafts. Thank you to them for their continued support.

We recently had the privilege of hosting the Methodist Women in Britain Easter offering service led by Pam Greenhalgh and assisted by various ladies from churches across the circuit. The monetary gifts for the world church collected over the Easter period by the circuit churches amounted to £891.95.

Bright Street are now hosting a clothing Bank supporting leukaemia and myeloma research. If you're coming to Bright Street for any reason and have clothing to donate, you'll find the Bank on the car park, just to the right as you enter. No loose clothes please, they must be bagged.

### **Preachers for June and July:**

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Catherine Young	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kath Hodkinson
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	local arrangement	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Williams
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Wray	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Local arrangement
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Joseph (Holy Communion)	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Local arrangement

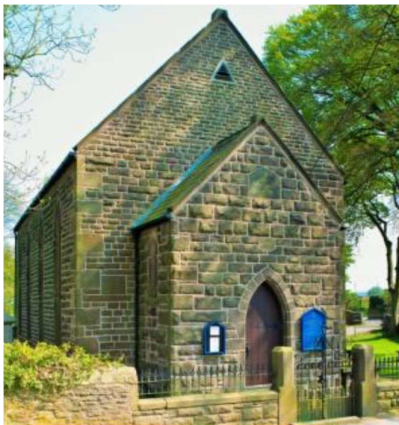
### DEADLINE DATES FOR MAGAZINE 2026/2027

August/September, 2026	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026
October/November, 2026	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026
December 2026/January 2027	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2026

### URC CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE AND JULY 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Trinity</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Danny Wilson	John East
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Barbara Duxbury	Linda
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rev Noma Marambi	Rev Dr Gilbert Esambe
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Doreen Goodship	David Foster
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev Dr Gilbert Esambe	Barbara Duxbury
12 <sup>th</sup> July	John East	Rev Noma Marambi
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Barbara Duxbury	Doreen Goodship
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Barbara Duxbury	Songs of Praise

### TOCKHOLES URC CHURCH



7 <sup>th</sup> June	John East
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Barbara Duxbury
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rev Dr Gilbert Esambe
28 <sup>th</sup> June (Anniversary Service)	Rev Sarah Moore
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Danny Wilson
12 <sup>th</sup> July	John East
19 <sup>th</sup> July	CLOSED
26 <sup>th</sup> July	CLOSED

# CHURCH GROUPS

## CENTRAL URC

Day	Time	Name of Group and Room
Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Worship
Sunday	1.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Lighthouse of Glory Church Darwen
Monday	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence dancing (Hall)
Tuesday	10am to 11:00 am	Yoga (Hall)
	11.30 am to 12.30 pm	Dance Fit Exercise Group (Hall)
	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Ballroom/sequence Dancing (Hall)
Wednesday	9.30 am to 1 pm	DARE (Hall and Lounge)
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Ashleigh Singers (Hall)
	5.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Line Dancing ( 7pm-8pm ) Ballroom (Hall) 8 – 9 pm
Thursday	9.00 am to 12.00 noon	P.R.O.B.U.S. <b>alternate weeks</b> (Hall and Lounge)
	10.00 am to 11.30 am	Bible Study <b>once a month</b> (Lounge)
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Church Fellowship <b>once a month</b> (Hall/Lounge)
	7.15 pm to 8.45 pm	Tai Chi
Friday	8.00 am to 10.00 am	Slimming World (Hall)
	11.00 am to 12 noon	Yoga (Hall)

### TIME WELLBEING GROUP - SUMMER TERM - 1-3 pm at Bright Street

5 <sup>th</sup> June	Speaker – Elizabeth
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Ashleigh Choir
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Speaker - TBC
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Bingo and Beetle Drive
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	La Fete National
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Trip to the Seaside
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberry Cream Tea

***Any questions ring Elizabeth 01254 776294***

## DARWEN METHODIST CHURCH AT BRIGHT STREET

<b>Sunday</b>	10.30 am	Sunday service – multi-media Contact Karen Rowley 07941 881833 <a href="mailto:Karenliz1947@gmail.com">Karenliz1947@gmail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b>	11.30 am – 12.15 pm	Pilates
	7 to 8.45 pm	Fellowship Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30 to 11.30 am	Tai Chi
	6 to 7 pm	Fit n Funky
<b>Wednesday</b>	11am to 12 noon	Strength & Balance
	1 pm to 2 pm	Strength & Balance
	6 to 7 pm	Yoga (for menopausal women)
	7.30 to 9 pm	Trefoil Guild ( <b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month</b> )
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 to 12 noon	Stay & Play Toddler Group
	10 am to 12 noon	Beading Group
	1 pm to 2 pm	Making Memories
<b>Friday</b>	1 to 3pm	“Time” wellbeing Group
<b>Saturday</b>	9-10 am	WW

### SPRING VALE

Sunday	10.30 am	Sunday Service & Junior Church
Monday	5 pm	Drama Group
Tuesday	10.30 am to 12.00 noon	Stay and Play Toddler Group
Tuesday	2 pm to 4 pm	Craft Group
Tuesday	5.45 pm to 7.00 pm	Rainbows
Wednesday	5 pm	Drama Group
Wednesday	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm	Brownies
Wednesday	7.30 pm to 9.00 pm	Guides
Thursday	10 am	Lullaby Baby Group
Thursday	6.30 to 9 pm	Bible Study
Friday	11 am to 12.30	Moving and Stretching Classes
Friday	7pm	Karate

**Commissioning Service for the new Partnership of the LEMP (Lancashire East Missional Partnership) and LSMP (Lancashire South Missional Partnership) joining together will take place on the 21st June 2.00pm.**

**This service is open to all members of all churches, and ministers. The service is planned to be held at Westbury Gardens URC, Blackburn BB1 1XF.**

## NAMES OF SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES

Instrumentalists of old	
Pleasure in Istanbul	
Dusk	
They'll fix you up on a date	
More than a minibus	
Born in Valletta	
Too much perm solution	
Are the witches up to this	
A mate of Captain Birdseye	
Let the Yorkshiremen eat them	
These infants wobble	
Know it alls	
Where refined people live	
Sport for a Prince	
Mother's local	
Where there was a mutiny	
Where 9 and 10 come	
Shirt fasteners made of cocoa	
100% precious metal	
In a hushed tone	

Answers in next magazine


For the last 3 years DARE (Darwen Asylum seeker Refugee Enterprise) has taken refugee families to Holiday Forum in August for 5 days and we are planning to do it again. Please see information on Holiday Forum.

<https://www.urcholidayforum.org.uk/wpsite/>

It costs Holiday Forum roughly £6000 a year to sponsor these families. This year DARE donated £450 to cover the cost of the minibus and I also applied for a youth DDF fund. If you personally or your church would like to sponsor a child, we will appreciate it, greatly. No amount is too small. One single mum has two children with severe autism and this is the only week where she can have respite.

If you would like to make a donation, please reference it as Donation.

Please see bank details below.



**HOLIDAY FORUM**  
faith, fun and fellowship

**The Bursary Fund**

The Holiday Forum Bursary Fund is a separate account made up of individual donations designed to help anyone that wishes to attend Holiday Forum but feels that the full cost for them to do so is not affordable. Currently, a discount of up to 30% of the total cost can be applied for and the decision to grant that discount lies with the Chair(s), Treasurer and/or Booking Secretary of the Steering Group which organises the running of Holiday Forum. Applications can be made at:

<https://www.urcholidayforum.org.uk/wpsite/bursary-application/>

**A Worthy Cause!**

If it is within your means to help somebody else attend Holiday Forum and you wish to make a donation to the Bursary Fund, this would be gratefully received. We strongly encourage fundraising efforts to financially help those who would benefit from attending Holiday Forum. Whether it be selling something you can make such as a treats for a Church bake sale, a sponsored walk/run/cycle or a charity auction... no donation is too small!

**Account Name - HOLIDAY FORUM-STEERING GR**  
**Account No. - 80462926**  
**Sort Code - 20-73-53**  
**Reference - Donation**

Many thanks for considering donating.

Grace and Peace

Rev Daleen ten Cate

## Word Search – Proverbs 10

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Attentive, Behavior, Character, Choices, Conversation, Course, Crooked, Devious, Difficult, Discover, Escape, Evil, Find, Flesh, Flow, Forward, Guard, Healing, Heart, Holiness, Incline, Innocent, Life, Ponder, Purity, Respect, Rewards, Right, Safe, Sayings, Sight, Son, Speech, Springs, Straight, Swerve, Vigilance, Ways, Wise, Within, Words

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 86:1-10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Exodus 3: 1-15	Psalm 29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 73
4 <sup>th</sup>	John 16:12-15	Psalm 93
5 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Psalm 147
6 <sup>th</sup>	Revelation 4: 1-11	Psalm 150
7 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	Psalm 33
8 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 3: 1-8	Psalm 112
9 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 5: 8-15	Psalm 130
10 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 6: 1-8	Psalm 19
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 7:1-9	Psalm 33
12 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 8: 4-12	Psalm 120
13 <sup>th</sup>	Amos 9:11-15	Psalm 40
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Psalm 100
15 <sup>th</sup>	John I: 1-18	Psalm 111
16 <sup>th</sup>	John 1: 29-34	Psalm 53
17 <sup>th</sup>	John 1: 35-51	Psalm 54
18 <sup>th</sup>	John 2: 1-12	Psalm 55:1-8
19 <sup>th</sup>	John 2: 13-22	Psalm 55: 16-22
20 <sup>th</sup>	John 2: 23-25	Psalm 80:1-7
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 10:24-39	Psalm 69: 7-18
22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 3: 1-15	Psalm 56
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John 3: 16-21	Psalm 57: 1-3, 7-11
24 <sup>th</sup>	John 3: 22-24	Psalm 61
25 <sup>th</sup>	John 3: 25-30	Psalm 125
26 <sup>th</sup>	John 3: 31-36	Psalm 62:1-5
27 <sup>th</sup>	John 4: 1-26	Psalm 62:6-12
28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 10: 40-42	Psalm 89:1-18
29 <sup>th</sup>	John 4:27-42	Psalm 63:1-8
30 <sup>th</sup>	John 4: 43-45	Psalm 66: 1-12

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1 <sup>st</sup>	John 4: 46-54	Psalm 66:13-20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John 5: 1-18	Psalm 67
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 5: 19-29	Psalm 26
4 <sup>th</sup>	John 5: 30-47	Psalm 27
5 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 11:16-29, 25-30	Psalm 145
6 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 1-15	Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35
7 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 16-29	Psalm 70
8 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 30-40	Psalm 71: 1-16
9 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 41-51	Psalm 71: 17-24
10 <sup>th</sup>	John 6: 52-59	Psalm 72
11 <sup>th</sup>	John 6:60-71	Psalm 73: 1-14
12 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Psalm 65
13 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 1-13	Psalm 73: 15-28
14 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 14-24	Psalm 74: 1-11
15 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 25-31	Psalm 74: 12-17
16 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 32-36	Psalm 74: 18-23
17 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 37-52	Psalm 75
18 <sup>th</sup>	John 7: 53-8:11	Psalm 76
19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Psalm 86: 1-13
20 <sup>th</sup>	John 8: 12-20	Psalm 77
21 <sup>st</sup>	John 8: 21-30	Psalm 78: 1-7
22 <sup>nd</sup>	John 8: 31-38	Psalm 80
23 <sup>rd</sup>	John 8: 39-47	Psalm 81
24 <sup>th</sup>	John 8: 48-59	Psalm 84
25 <sup>th</sup>	John 9: 1-12	Psalm 100
26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	Psalm 119: 129-136
27 <sup>th</sup>	John 9: 13-23	Psalm 87
28 <sup>th</sup>	John 9: 24-41	Psalm 89: 1-18
29 <sup>th</sup>	John 10: 1-10	Psalm 89: 19-37
30 <sup>th</sup>	John 10: 11-21	Psalm 90
31 <sup>st</sup>	John 10: 22-42	Psalm 91

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