



The
Monthly
Messenger
for
September
2021

A Journal of the
Unitarian Church
Clover Street
Rochdale

Volume 135

Issue 1620



PASTORAL TEAM

Initial Contact & Co-ordinator -
Joyce Ashworth
Members -

Dorothy Jones, Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson – Diane Bennett

Treasurer – John Illingworth

Church Admin Assistant – Paul Hubbard

Council Members -

Joyce Ashworth, Helen Illingworth, Dorothy Jones,
John & Edna Wood

ENVELOPE SECRETARIES

Margaret Shore & John Illingworth

PULPIT & LETTINGS' SECRETARY

Paul Hubbard

FLOWER FUND SECRETARIES

Edna & John Wood
53 Links View, Rochdale OL11 4DD

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Co-ordinator - Joyce Ashworth
Member - Helen Illingworth

PUBLICITY TEAM

Messenger Notices

Joyce Ashworth & Helen Illingworth

Messenger Publication and Distribution

Paul Hubbard

Website Manager

Diane Bennett

CONTACT DETAILS

Paul Hubbard Tel 07884 123 169
Email: rochdaleunitarian@outlook.com

Joyce Ashworth Tel: 01706 659294
Email: joyce.ashworth9@gmail.com

Diane Bennett Tel: 01706 371518
Email: diane119@hotmail.com

Helen & John Illingworth Tel: 01706 649015
Email: helen@illingworth.org.uk
Email: john@illingworth.org.uk

Margaret Salt Tel: 01706 852575

Margaret Shore Tel: 01706 360883

John & Edna Wood Tel 01706 645252
Email: jonwud@tiscali.co.uk

CHURCH TELEPHONE - 01706 648461



Flowers

* * * * *	Sunday 5th September 2021 Flower Donation Vacancy	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 12th September 2021 Sylvia Palmer In memory of Walter & Duncan	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 19th September 2021 Sheila & Irene In memory of Jessie & Tom	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sunday 26th September 2021 Val Nuttall In memory of Mum & Dad	* * * * *
* * * * *	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

AUGUST 2021

1st	01	Joyce Ashworth
2nd	35	Peter Illingworth
3rd	84	Edna Wood

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Dear Reader, and welcome to September's edition of The Messenger.

This month's edition brings the return of the calendar centre-fold as well as the rotas for Teas and for Wardens (so be nice!).



Joyce has out-done herself again with a zesty-recipe on the page opposite (where does she find the time?) and, as usual, we bring you all the latest news on your friends at church and the Movement at large.

Normally I would ask people at this time of year if they'd been anywhere nice on holiday; less chance of that for this year, I think. But if on the off-chance you did manage to get away — I'm very jealous!

ADVANCE NOTICE

The future of the NWP A

A proposal to hand over to Unitarian College, who are now delivering Foundation and Rites of Passage courses.

(from the minutes of the previous NWP A AGM):

Ann Peart began the discussion by proposing that we 1, hand over the Foundation and Rites of Passage courses to Unitarian College (UC) to deliver and 2, we discuss with them what other NWP A activities they might be able to take on board. This led to a substantial discussion on what NWP A was for, whether it had any value in the present day, what its objects included, how difficult it was to continue activities with fewer workers etc. This led to 2 actions being decided upon: 1 Natasha, who has close links with UC, to have a conversation with relevant people to the end of exploring links with them. 2 NWP A to hold an open meeting via Zoom and in person to discuss the future of NWP A and its links with UC. Ann Peart suggested that we ask congregations via a letter, to respond with their ideas prior to this meeting and she offered to be the recipient of these responses.

Date of the meeting: Tuesday 14 September

Place: Cross Street Chapel, Manchester

Time: 7.00pm

Clover Street will be sending a delegate to this meeting. If you have anything you wish to raise please contact Joyce Ashworth, Tel: 01706 659294
Email: joyce.ashworth9@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER KITCHEN

Orange and Almond Cake

(takes 50 mins - serves 12)



Another mouth-watering recipe from our chef-in-residence, Joyce Ashworth. The guideline is 12 servings, but I think this one's so good, I'd be reluctant to share!

- 1 medium orange
 - 175g/6oz butter, softened
 - 175g/6oz light muscovado sugar
 - 3 eggs
 - 175g/6oz self-raising flour
 - Half tsp bicarbonate of soda
 - 50g/2oz ground almonds
 - Icing sugar for dredging
- 1) Preheat oven to 190C/Fan 170C/Gas 5
 - 2) Grease and line base of 23cm/9in round, deep cake tin.
 - 3) Cut whole orange - skin, pith, flesh into pieces, removing any pips, then whizz in food processor to finely chopped puree.
 - 4) Tip remaining ingredients, except icing sugar, into processor and whizz for 10 seconds until smooth.
 - 5) Pour into prepared tin and smooth top.
 - 6) Bake for 25-30 mins until cake is risen and brown.
 - 7) Allow to cool in tin 5 mins before turning out onto a wire rack.
 - 8) Dredge with icing sugar before serving.

RUC CALENDAR



Flower Month
Joyce Ashworth & Helen Illingworth

SEPTEMBER

Thur	02	13.30	General Council Meeting in Green Room
Sun	05	10.30	S unday Service led by Chrissie Wilkie
Mon	06	19.30	General Council Meeting via Zoom
Sun	12	10.30	S unday Service led by Helen Mills
Mon	13	19.15	NELUM meeting at Bury
Mon	13	19.30	Book Circle in Blue Room, see pg 9
Sun	19	10.30	Sunday Service, leader TBA
Sun	26	10.30	H arvest Service led by GA President Anne Mills

OCTOBER

Sun	03	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Celia Cartwright
Mon	04	19.30	General Council Meeting

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.

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?



Ed: I attended Padiham for the first time since the first lockdown in 2020 this last week. Like Clover Street, Nazareth Unitarian Chapel in Padiham has spent a lot of time (and capital!) refurbishing its buildings and letting spaces during the period when Covid-19 closed places of worship to congregations and the public.

I was delighted to see Rochdale's surplus stock of red chairs from the downstairs Silver (Games' Room) being put to excellent use and matching the new décor well. The members at Padiham extend their greetings to their brothers and sisters in Rochdale, and express their gratitude for such a bargain batch of seat upon which to enjoy a good cuppa and after-service chat!

Miscellaneous musings on daily life...

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

Ask advice but use your common sense.
– *Yiddish proverb*

Kind: someone who could tell you all about his operation – but doesn't.

Government expert: one who complicates simple things.

Sharp tongues have a way of sharpening other tongues. – *E Stanley-Jones*

“ABOUT PEOPLE”

It's good to know that **Diane Bennett** is progressing well. She is currently undergoing physio sessions to relieve stiffness in her arm and shoulder before she starts radiotherapy treatment. We assure you our thoughts are with you Diane and send lots of love.

We were sorry to learn that following **John Greenwood's** operation to remove a kidney he has to undergo chemotherapy as the blockage in the urethra which caused the kidney to stop working can't be removed. We wish John well as he starts his treatment and hope it won't be too debilitating.

LETTERS & EMAILS



Not a traditional letter for this month, but one of our loyal subscribers, Elaine Whyment, has sent in this little gem which I reproduce below.

After all, life's too short for dusting — thank you Elaine!



Dust If You must

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better,
To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
Music to hear and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come 'round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not always kind.
And when you go and (go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.

- Rose Milligan

Serenity RavenWolf.com



REFLECTION

The following was submitted by Joyce Ashworth:

As we grow older, our families and communities grow older as well. Children grow into adults and have their own children, and parents grow older and become grandparents and great-grandparents. The needs of family and community change as time passes for each member. Hopefully we find opportunities to learn from our elders and opportunities to mentor the young. We should be patient with ourselves and those around us as we all learn in growing and supporting one another.

Let us seek consciously to be tender and encouraging, thoughtful and supportive within our families and communities. Being a reservoir of love creates broad support from which more love can grow.

BOOK CIRCLE



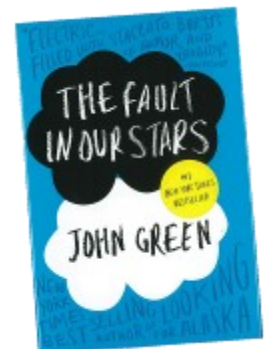
We are delighted to be meeting in person at Church on Monday 13th September when we will be discussing *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. Here's the review from the back cover of the book.

The Fault in Our Stars is award-winning author John Green's most ambitious and heartbreaking work yet, brilliantly exploring the funny, thrilling and tragic business of being alive and in love.

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

We are always happy to welcome new members. If you'd like to join us, please let Joyce know and she'll let you have a copy of the book.

Helen I



CARTOON FOR SEPTEMBER

www.parishpump.co.uk



...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

SMILE LINES

www.parishpump.co.uk

Falling Down...

When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"

When a Unitarian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "The church committee will answer for this!"

(Ok, I made the last one up, but it's still probably true.)



UNI NEWS — UPDATES



Imagining the future: an invitation to Gen Z and Millennial Unitarians

As we look towards our future, we want to hear the voices of younger adults. What are your wishes for Unitarianism in decades to come? What are your hopes for society as we move beyond pandemic? What are the big issues that you're concerned about right now? What are the important issues in your own life? How do you wish to be in service to your community and wider society? What questions are you holding in your own spiritual enquiry?

Join our open forums to share your perspectives with the GA's Chief Officer Liz Slade, and connect with other Unitarians your age.

Session 1: Gen Z (roughly 18-25 year olds)
Wednesday 15 September, 6pm Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqdO2gpj8pHNQc8plLP7z66Gsnl8wv4rGR>

Session 2: Gen Y / Millennials (roughly 25-40 year olds)
Wednesday 29 September, 6pm Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvfumhpj4pHdPsAKEfZ-qvLmNdlRuuRCCj>

If you're slightly outside these age ranges but feel moved to join a particular group, please come! They're for guidance – you'll know where feels right for you.

Participants must be 18 or over; however 14-17 year olds may wish to join Bad Coffee Club to connect with other Unitarian teens. For more information on Bad Coffee Club please contact Gavin Howell – GA Youth Coordinator.

ghowell@unitarian.org.uk

EVENT DATES 2021

Date	EVENT
05 SEP	10.30am Sunday Worship — Chrissie Wilkie
12 SEP	10.30am Sunday Worship — Helen Mills
19 SEP	10.30am Sunday Worship — TBA
26 SEP	10.30am Harvest — GA President Anne Mills
3 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Rev Celia Cartwright
10 OCT	10.30am Sunday Worship — Rev Ashley Mills (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 — TBA
14 NOV	2.00pm Remembrance — Jean Longworth
21 NOV	10.30am Sunday Worship — Arek Malecki
28 NOV	10.30am Sunday Worship — Graeme Pilbrough

Messenger by Email?

Reduce your carbon footprint and get your copy in colour by subscribing to our email service, its free - rochdaleunitarian@outlook.com

Interested in learning more?



<http://www.rochdaleunitarians.org.uk>

<http://www.unitarian.org.uk/>

<http://www.nufonline.org.uk>



Rochdale Unitarian Church
Clover Street
ROCHDALE OL12 6TP
01706 648461

OCTOBER 2021 EDITION
COPY DEADLINE - 19 SEPT
ISSUE DATE - 26 SEPT