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# JULY



# Flowers

Sunday 3rd July 2022 Joyce Ashworth In Memory of Harold
Sunday 10th July 2022 Val Nuttall In Memory of Mum & Dad's Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 17th July 2022 Flower Donation Vacancy
Sunday 24th July 2022 Maud Elgey In Memory of Phillip
Sunday 31st July 2022 Helen & John Illingworth
Flowers lovingly arranged by Margaret Salt



100 CLUB WINNERS		
MAY 2022		
1st	67	Martin Whyment
2nd	50	Greta Henson
3rd	70	Lynn Holland
Congratulations		
Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5		

## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to this amazing Summer Issue of the Messenger!

Important dates for your diaries in July include the Summer Lunch on the 9th, followed by the Congregational AGM on the 17th. Please see the calendar on the News and Events page for a full list of dates.

We had a lovely story sent in regarding Madge Rimmer this month, so be sure not to miss that. And remember that this newsletter can only keep going thanks to your submissions, so please keep them coming!

I hope you manage to enjoy the sunshine (between showers!) this month, and I will be back again in August — Ed



## MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Unfortunately, our minister, Rev Abi Elliott-McGuffie has recently tested positive for Covid and has had to self-isolate. So this month, your Editor has stepped-in to provide a reading given by Abi at a recent service that is well-worth reproducing in full. I hope you all enjoy. We send you our best wishes, Abi, and hope you get well soon! Abi writes:

"This reading 'Crazy Misfits' is a piece I added to and reworked, the original was penned by Rob Siltanen....

Here's to the crazy ones.

The misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers,  
the round pegs in the square holes.  
The ones who see things differently.

They're not fond of rules.

And they have no respect for the status quo.  
You can praise them, disagree with them,  
quote them, disbelieve them, glorify or vilify them.  
About the only thing you can't do is ignore them.  
Because they change things.

They dream. They imagine. They heal.  
They explore. They create. They inspire.  
And they believe....and they will push the human  
race forward.

Maybe they have to be crazy,  
To see a world beyond boundaries.  
To stare at a blank canvas and see  
a work of art.

To sit in silence and hear a song  
that's not yet been written.

To stand before a lump of stone,  
and feel the form within.

To pour out love on a world in pain,  
and not give up.

Let them do their crazy thing!

While some may see them as crazy ones,  
let us see genius.

Because the people who are crazy enough  
to think they can change the world,  
are often the ones who do."

## JOYCE'S KITCHEN



### SUMMER DELIGHT: FOREST FRUITS TRAYBAKE TART

(Soft summer berries and sweet pastry with a crunch make a delicious duo)

#### For bake:

125g plain flour  
50g icing sugar  
75g cold butter  
1 egg



#### For topping:

125g caster sugar  
3 eggs  
75g SR flour  
1 eating apple  
150g raspberries  
150g blackberries  
150g blueberries  
1 tbsp icing sugar

Grease 20x25cm tray  
Combine plain flour & icing sugar in a bowl  
Work butter into flour until it resembles breadcrumbs  
Add egg & stir to make slightly sticky ball of dough  
Cover & chill for 30 mins  
Roll dough into rectangle 5cm longer & wider than prepared tin

Lift into tin (if it breaks just press pieces together)

Use a fork to prick all over surface of pastry

#### For topping:

Beat sugar & eggs until light & fluffy  
Stir in SR flour then spread mixture over pastry base  
Peel, core & grate apple and scatter over base  
Scatter mixed berries over the apple  
Bake at 180C/160 Fan/Gas 4 for 50-55 mins until  
pastry is golden & topping cooked through  
Dust with icing sugar and serve!

(Turn tart into pudding by serving warm with cream)

# RUC NEWS AND EVENTS

## JULY

Sun	03	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Helen Mills
Sat	09	11.45	Church Summer Lunch, see pg 8
Sun	10	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Abi Elliott-McGuffie
Mon	11	19.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close
Sun	17	10.30	Sunday Service followed by Congregational AGM
Sun	24	10.30	Sunday Service led by Rev Abi Elliott-McGuffie
Mon	25	19.30	General Council Meeting via Zoom
Fri	29	13.00	Lunchtime Concert at Cross St Chapel
Sun	31	10.30	Sunday Service led by Paul Hubbard



## Flower Month Margaret Salt

### “ABOUT PEOPLE”



## CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

### Congregational AGM – Sunday, 17 July, after worship



This is an important meeting for all those interested in the future of our Church community. Please try to attend if you are able to do so.

There will be a Jacob's Join lunch to follow.

### Madge is Off to the Races!

One of our eagle-eyed readers spotted this in the Rochdale Observer:

*“Residents at [Half-Acre] Care Home celebrated Ladies Day at Ascot by dressing up and being treated to a visit from a horse. Half Acre Care Home on Roch Valley Road, joined in with the fun by wearing elegant outfits and hats and quaffing prosecco in the garden.”*

What a lovely picture of our own Madge Rimmer; we hope you enjoyed yourself, Madge!

## WARDEN/COFFEE ROTA FOR 2022

Margaret Salt & Joyce Ashworth	02 Jan	06 Feb	13 Mar	17 Apr	22 May	26 Jun	31 Jul	04 Sep	09 Oct	13 Nov	18 Dec
John & Helen Illingworth	09 Jan	13 Feb	20 Mar	24 Apr	29 May	03 Jul	07 Aug	11 Sep	16 Oct	20 Nov	25 Dec
Margaret Shore & Dorothy Jones	16 Jan	20 Feb	27 Mar	01 May	05 Jun	10 Jul	14 Aug	18 Sep	23 Oct	27 Nov	
Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt	23 Jan	27 Feb	03 Apr	08 May	12 Jun	17 Jul	21 Aug	25 Sep	30 Oct	04 Dec	
Dorothy Jones & Margaret Shore	30 Jan	06 Mar	10 Apr	15 May	19 Jun	24 Jul	28 Aug	02 Oct	06 Nov	11 Dec	

# BOOK CIRCLE

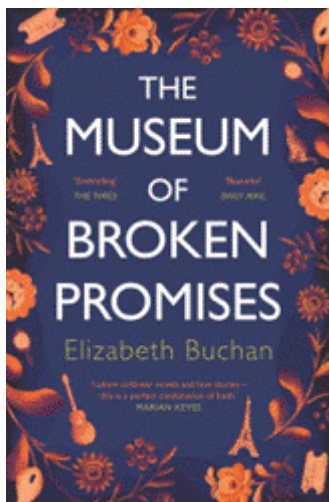


Members will be meeting at Bagnall Close on 11th July to discuss *The Museum of Broken Promises* by Elizabeth Buchan.

This is a review taken from the Internet.

"The Museum of Broken Promises is Laure's story, told through a split time line between the present day Paris, Prague in 1986 with a small stop off in Berlin in 1996. The Museum is a collection of donated objects, all telling the story of the broken promises made to their owners. Included is a train ticket from 1986, the ticket meant for Laure's first love, Tomas, who didn't turn up. This is such a beautiful story of a doomed first love affair, communist Prague and the stories of all those who have felt the pain of promises broken."

It's described as a gem of a book so I'm sure we'll have a good discussion.



# ADVANCE NOTICE

**Summer Lunch**

Saturday  
9th July 2022  
at 11:45 am

Clover Street, Rochdale  
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£10

the unitarians

After the wonderful success of our Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea in May, tickets are now available for our Summer Lunch on Saturday 9th July, priced just £10! Doors open at 11.45am.

For further info, please tel: 07860 314968 or email [helen@illingworth.org.uk](mailto:helen@illingworth.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!

# REGULAR BOOKINGS

Day	EVENT
Mon	12.30-2.30pm Prima Dance—Main Hall
	7.00-8.00pm Prima Dance—Main Hall
Tues	1.00-3.00pm Prima Dance—Main Hall
	1.00-3.00pm Norden Cards— Blue Room
	4.30-6.00pm Carers' Choir—Main Hall
	7.00-9.00pm Central Bridge—Blue Room
	7.30-9.30pm Philatelic Group—Green Room
Wed	7.30-9.30pm Photographic—Blue Room
Thur	11.00am-12.00pm L4L Zumba—Main Hall
	8.00-10.00pm Church Badminton Group
Sat	7.30-8.30pm Rebecca Kanku—Gold Room
Sun	10.30am-12.00pm Sunday Worship in Hall

For full booking details please contact [rochdaleunitarian@outlook.com](mailto:rochdaleunitarian@outlook.com) or leave a message with contact details—on 01706 648461

## Safeguarding Policy Statement

Rochdale Unitarian Church recognises its responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and children. Our Church believes in the upholding and support of the rights and personal dignity of every adult and child, and will work to ensure that all our policies and procedures reflect this, including in any such appointment and selection of persons who work on the Church's behalf.

Rochdale Unitarian Church is committed to ensure that every adult and child feels valued, safe and happy and will work to make sure that all feel empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm. We will report any abuse we discover or suspect.



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