

THE REVIEW

JANUARY 2022



WADDINGTON STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,

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Dear Friends,

From now on, maybe and with tongue slightly in cheek, I wonder whether we should all go into winter hibernation. That would keep at bay many a virus: the common cold, flu, and (of course) Covid which has so disrupted normal life since 2019 and which continues to do so. So, listening to myself, I am going to hibernate any further comments on Covid..... and talk about rivers instead.

Flowing water is life-giving. Brooks, streams, tributaries, estuaries, rivers are landmarks: the Tyne, Wear, and Tees are names familiar to us and we know where they are. Water courses bring refreshment to land, animals, and people alike—as indicated by greenery and population on either side. In desert lands, like Egypt, the contrast between barren desert and luscious riverside is even more stark. Over time, flowing water can even carve rock, as the Grand Canyon testifies.

No wonder rivers in the Bible form a major part of God’s story with us. From Moses set adrift on the Nile, to the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, to the water of life in the Book of Revelation, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God: “On each side of the river grows a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit each month and the leaves healing the nations.” (Revelation 22:2) All of which begs the question: are we positioned in, on, over, or to the side of the river of God?

Might we be swimming in it? On a hot day with a gentle flow this could be refreshing; but in a storm, with waters raging in full flood, this could also be dangerous. Or perhaps we’re paddling in a boat on the water? Drifting downstream is idyllic; but rowing against the flow, upstream, is seriously hard work. Alternatively, might we be atop the majestic arch of a bridge, looking down on the waters below? But if so, are we truly involved in the river of God? Or, lastly, perhaps we are by the side of the holy waters, gaining nourishment from its flow; but what if there were to be an overwhelming flood? Having said that, it could be that our position matters less than the fact that it is the river *of life*. The waters of life vary. Sometimes all is well, like a gentle stroll along a flat canal towpath on a perfect summer’s day. At other times, a white-water torrent threatens everything in its path. In the same way, our lives vary: sometimes life is easy, sometimes it’s hard, but always life flows on—and the waters are necessary for life, in whatever form they flow.

At times, God calls us to dive in and have fun; at other times the call is to watch over and pray for those facing the flood; sometimes we’re called to go with the flow; and God might also from time to time want us to rest by the wayside and receive the live-giving waters of his Spirit. At other times, the torrent, flood and rapids are all necessary for greater life to result. In those times, our calling may be to hang on in there with God’s help while the water does its work of cleansing and renewal.

Just as rivers vary in size and character, so our response to the river of life flowing from God also varies, depending on the call of God on our lives at any given time. No wonder rivers feature so in the story of God alive and active in our world. There’s so much life in the waters that flow from the throne of grace!

So may we be alert to the nature of the waters of life flowing from God at any given time; and may we respond by putting ourselves in the best position: in, on, over, or alongside—led by the call of God.

Regards,

Marcus

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND CHURCH NEWS

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COPY DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY REVIEW IS - SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2022.

Please be aware when submitting articles that our Church Magazine goes on the website and is available for anyone anywhere in the world to read.



Stamp Appeal –

Thanks to all who have donated used stamps – please keep them coming for Evelyn Ogilvie to send to the RNIB charity.



As someone who is now accessing Sunday Services via Zoom, and likely to be having to do so for a while, I'd like to offer some heartfelt thanks. First to Marcus, for getting us used to Zoom so early, then to everyone who has enabled the Zooming of services once people were able to come together.

The joy of feeling part of the act of worship week by week is honestly incalculable. Special thanks for 5th December, for overcoming a sound issue and then making sure we saw the picture that was being distributed - these acts of caring mean such a lot. It's extra lovely when it's left running a short while

as people leave the church and we Zoomers (makes a change from Baby-Boomers!) are able to say hello - even have a little chat.

THANK YOU!

Blessings,

Ruth Crofton



Christmas Collection

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Christmas Collection for the **West End Refugees in Newcastle** and the **Foundation in Durham** who support vulnerable adults and those with complex needs. They were both extremely grateful for our interest in them and our Christmas gifts.

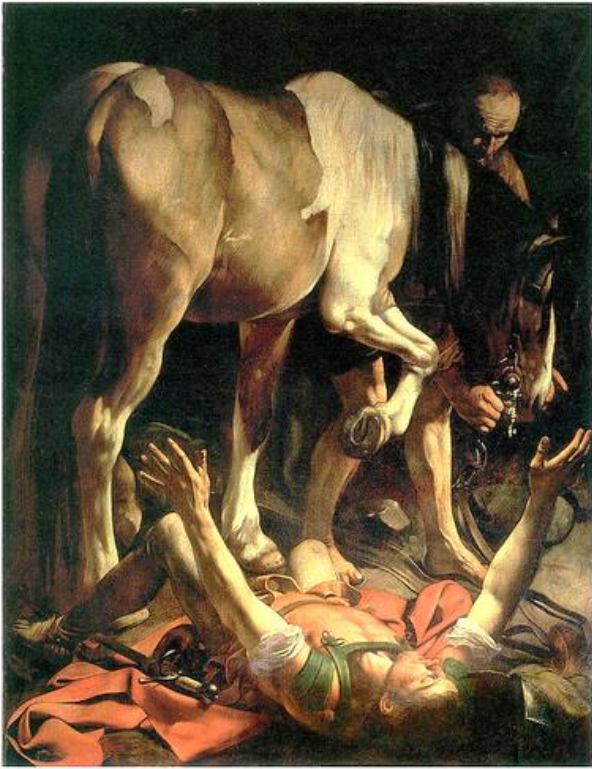
We had a great response to the appeal, some of which you can see in the picture.

Well done and a Happy Christmas to all.

Kath Ogilvie

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th – 25th January 2022

The Conversion of St Paul



15 years ago Ki and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary (pearl) in Rome, the *Eternal City*, admiring its many tourist attractions, the Colosseum, St Peter's Basilica, Castel Sant 'Angelo, the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.

In our free time we visited the paintings of one of Italy's most controversial, popular, and hugely influential painters, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610). Two of his most celebrated canvases hang in the Cerasi Chapel of the church of Santa Maria del Popolo. The two paintings painted in 1600/1 are 'The Conversion on the Way to Damascus' and the 'Crucifixion of St Peter.' At the end of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity we remember the Conversion of St Paul, 25th January - The Apostle to the Gentiles.

Caravaggio's extraordinary picture is a study in strange perspectives. It shows the moment when Paul, on the Damascus Road, on his way to persecute the fledgling Christian community, is

struck from his horse and blinded by the power of his encounter with the Risen Christ. The full story can be found in Acts 9 and again, in Acts 26.

It is ironic that this illumination of the reach of the good news should start with a blinding. Paul has to let go of all that he 'saw' and understood, before he can 'see' his way forward along the new path. This is the moment Caravaggio paints for us. The bewildering perspective demonstrates not only Caravaggio's mastery, but a depiction of the total disorientation that Paul is experiencing. He is helpless, in disarray and in danger of being trampled by his panic-stricken horse, but all of that has faded into unreality. His face looks strangely peaceful and his arms reach up, as though to embrace the force that has unseated him. Paul's servant is standing in the shadows, which is the natural light of the time of day and the road they are on. The light that shines on Paul, bringing out the colours of his skin and his cloak, is the light of Christ, and it is clear that the servant cannot see it; his only concern is to try to calm the frightened horse.

By the time Paul tells King Agrippa what happened to him in his second account of his story (Acts 26 v14) he has had time to reflect on his encounter, time to start to live out his changed understanding.

Paul's conversion experience did not mean his life became easy and peaceful. He tells us about some of the consequences of his change of direction, like beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger (2 Corinthians 6 v4-5). But what Paul is concerned about and what hurts him the most is the thought of divisions between Christians.

Paul shines the light of his conversion into our Epiphany season, and calls us to unity with one who was born so that he could share our lives and we could share his.

Revd Ray Anglesea

Source: 'The Art of Advent: A painting a day from Advent to Epiphany. Jane Williams



EDITOR'S LETTER

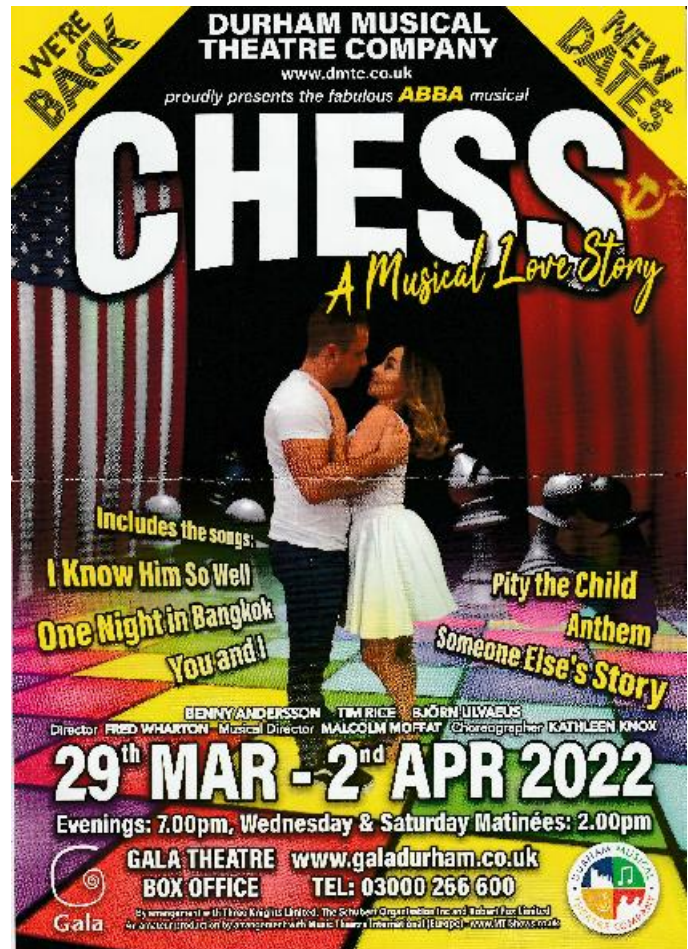
DEAR READERS,

Welcome to the first Review of 2022. I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

What a delight it was to watch the final of BBC Radio 2's competition for the Young Chorister of the Year 2021 which was won by Ruby (below left). Aled Jones presented the programme and must have had many memories of his time when he won this title.



DMTC will perform CHESS in the refurbished GALA Theatre as per the poster on the right. Please support this show if you can. They always deliver a first class performance and the singing, dancing and acting are of a very high standard. Booking is open now at the GALA Theatre.



Kirstie Thomas gave everyone a warm welcome to the Durham Churches Together Carol Service at Waddington Street URC on Sunday 5th December. A Violin and a Guitar accompanied the singing and there were readings and poems. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Hall.

My thanks to anyone who has contributed to this month's Review and, please, keep on sending your articles in to me - it is very much appreciated. Special thanks to Angus and Jan Robson for all their efforts on our behalf and to David Thornborrow for a fascinating insight into lighthouses around the world. Also to Revd Ray Anglesea for his religious articles. Our Minister, Revd. Marcus Hargis, continues to provide an interesting and thought provoking Minister's letter which we appreciate.

How attractive our Church looked for the Christmas season with the decorated tree, the Nativity scene along with the houses and the wall tapestries. Thanks to everyone who helped with the decorations.

Lucille Thomson

The next issue of The Review will be published on Sunday 6th February 2022.
Contributions please to Lucille Thomson at church or BY POST or **Tel. 0191-3861052**
or e-mail **lesthomson@talktalk.net** – no later than **NOON** on Sunday 23rd January 2022.

In Loving Memory of
Arthur James Banister



22 December 1932 – 25 November 2021

Waddington Street United Reformed Church
 Tuesday 14th December 2021

Arthur Banister

I am grateful to Judy, Catherine and James for their recollections of Arthur. Much of what follows is in their own words, combined together thematically, along with recollections from Arthur's colleagues and friends. I suspect that you will come away from this occasion saying to yourself 'well, I never knew that about Arthur', or maybe 'he did that?!'

Arthur was born just before Christmas in 1932 in Cheadle Hulme to John and Annie Banister, five years later joined by his sister Pauline. His father was an electrical engineer and when the war came the family moved first to Southampton and then to Bristol where his father worked at the Bristol aircraft company.

Arthur was fascinated by science from a young age and the sitting room became his laboratory. This once resulted in a large hole in the carpet which Arthur attempted to cover by moving the piano over it. He went on to study chemistry at Bristol University and, while he

was there, he came into contact with Anglican Franciscan monks, going with them on a mission to the workers in the hop fields of Kent. Arthur had, like his family, always attended church but it was through this meeting with the Franciscans that his Christian faith was both awakened and deepened and he was inspired by their life and work among the poor.

Along with his studies to PhD level at Bristol University, Arthur also developed his musicianship as well as churchmanship; playing in the orchestra and leading the Church of England Society as president. Following his PhD he moved to London to become an assistant lecturer. While there he went to an anti-apartheid meeting and sat next to a student called Judy, leading to their strong relationship forming. They were married in 1961 and moved to the North East—which felt like moving to the end of the world—eventually Arthur got a settled position at Durham University, thoroughly enjoying his work, both teaching and researching.

Colleague at Durham, Melvin Kilner, remembers Arthur as a very supportive colleague and friend; sharing a laboratory and, as they both settled into the department, meeting up for coffee and tea; getting to know each other well. Melvin, together with Ken Wade, found Arthur supportive, helpful and encouraging, bringing to discussions, many experiences that were different and extremely valuable. He was also a nice person to know and with whom to work. He was loyal, discrete, honest, dependable and reliable: characteristics which made him popular among his colleagues, staff and students alike. Arthur was a very effective teacher and very enthusiastic about his research, infectious at times especially when new discoveries were made—and there were many of them. He was a chemist who painstakingly researched the how, why and whens of the science, which brought him many rewards. He was a fine chemist, and his record speaks for itself. Melvin states that he was privileged to have worked with him.

Another long-time collaborator, Jack Passmore has shared some recollections of Arthur's career. After discovering that they shared similar chemical goals and interests, they worked together over many years. He found in Arthur a fellow enthusiast with whom he enjoyed discussing ideas and

sharing findings and anticipating possible future discoveries. Arthur had no one-upmanship traits, on the contrary, he was self-effacing and quick to give others credit. Jack and Arthur had a great time together, plus did some excellent chemistry. Jack and his wife Ann had twin sons both with profound disabilities. While many colleagues were embarrassed and ill equipped to even make any mention of them, Arthur on the other hand was genuinely interested in their situation and wanted to help in any way he could. Thus, a common interest in sulphur nitrogen chemistry and the twins drew them together—helping the Passmore's to carry their heavy load with therapeutic visits to what Prof. Passmore called Arthur and Judy's very colourful establishment.

In the midst of professional life, Judy and Arthur's four children were born: their sons John, then Paul, and James, and their daughter Catherine. The family remember that theirs was a busy, sociable household, with both Judy and Arthur involved with a wide range of people.

Never a dull moment there at home, or at work in the lab either from what I've been told. Indeed, Arthur's test tube once broke in a fume cupboard. He was experimenting on a harmless chemical that had the same smell as natural gas. The strong odour travelled out of the lab, into the local area, and even as far as the coast—leading to a very busy day for the gas board. It was so serious an incident that local schoolchildren were sent home for the day, and daughter Catherine got kudos for her dad getting them the day off school.

Arthur was every bit like a mad scientist, with hair that was wild and sticking out. Once, while in a church service, Arthur's hair was so unruly that John did his best to send hand signals to convey to his dad that his wayward hair needed flattening down. Back in the lab, once Arthur playfully threw liquid nitrogen across a bench, making smoke rise everywhere. This inspired nephew Andy to study science at university. Arthur could be eccentric. Just as well, as James recalls, that Arthur was not afraid to laugh at his own idiosyncrasies.

In addition to his love of chemistry and science, Arthur was a passionate advocate of the underdog and less fortunate, with he and Judy dedicating their lives to helping a variety of people and causes.

Once he bought new shoes for all the children in an entire village in Africa that he was involved with, after he was told children could only attend the school if they had shoes.

While in Newcastle Arthur and Judy had become volunteers with Samaritans and after they moved to Durham were asked to help set up a Samaritan branch in Durham. Arthur became chair of the steering group and a volunteer for some years afterwards.

At that time, fifty years ago, it was felt that not much could be done for anyone suffering mental severe mental illness. But at a conference Arthur and Judy heard someone with schizophrenia say "what we need is a place to meet!". As a consequence of those words Waddington Street Centre came into being and Arthur became chair of the management committee for some years and remained involved for the rest of his life, concentrating latterly on organising a service for the people coming to this Waddington Street church hall on a Thursday.

Also, maybe because he enjoyed his own work so much, he was keen that others should have the benefit of employment and it was this thought that drove him to explore the possibility of setting up a sheltered workshop for people with mental health problems. St Margaret's Centre stands as a testimony to this inspiration and to the dedication of many other people.

I myself attended recent anniversary events at both of these organisations and was touched to hear the tributes given to Arthur as an initiator for these charities. Indeed, he was behind the formation of the Friends of Flass Vale as well, thus securing the future of this local nature reserve.

As many people can testify Arthur was a man of great faith being involved in several Christian groups. I've mentioned the Franciscan Order, as well as this church. Indeed, he could have pursued formal ordination, but he has in any event been living an inspiring, holy life; serving God where he was; putting his home to God's service and living a generous, open-handed, Christ-like life.

In many respects, also, he was ahead of his time. Any family members requiring an envelope were told “No, you can’t have a new envelope.” Sorely disappointed, they would be issued with one of Arthur’s many saved and reused envelopes with a white label pasted over the original address. Arthur refused to waste anything.

He was obsessive about not wasting water, “That’s enough water in the bath,” he would say. Neither did he did not allow any food to be wasted. That meant Catherine became rather adept at hiding cold mashed potato under the cutlery. Where there were leftovers, Arthur would finish them off, even at breakfast time.

Indeed, he was reusing and recycling and was trying to save the planet long before David Attenborough was onto it.

Arthur loved people, his own family of course, but also all sorts of people as well—thinking nothing of stopping for a chat, lagging behind deep in conversation with some random person, when out and about. Catherine remembers that this could be quite irritating when wanting to get somewhere, especially when she was teenage: once when the family were in London, before the age of mobile phones it has to be said, the family got on a tube train but Arthur did not get on with them. The train left without him. When he eventually turned up at the correct tube station, it turned out that he had got side-tracked helping someone with their suitcase. It had not occurred to him that he might lose us.

He always had faith that everything would turn out just fine. And it did.

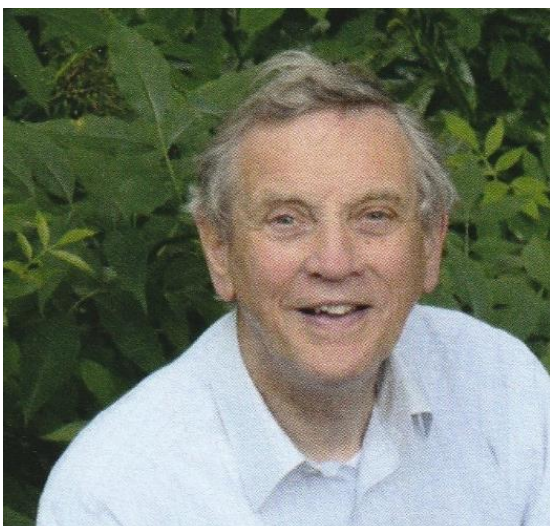
In word as well as in deed, Arthur sought to instil this positivity in his family. Whenever Catherine met up with Arthur, he used to always start with the same question: “Tell me something nice.” This sometimes presented a problem if she was stressed or busy, or just wanted to complain. He would simply say that there must be something nice to say and that she had to think of something. As a result, this wonderful life lesson has lodged deep in place. However bad things feel, there is always something to be grateful for.

We can be grateful for Arthur’s prayer-filled life, we can be grateful to God for enabling that faith by ensuring what was needed came the family’s way when it was needed. Cars, resources, blessings came their way—all so that Arthur’s extraordinary, inspiring journey could continue.

That is indeed a word we can use on an occasion such as this. Arthur Banister was inspirational, and will continue to inspire into the future those whose lives he has touched.

He is certainly someone who has left this world a better place for his having been in it.

Reverend Marcus Hargis



[Our Minister, Reverend Marcus Hargis conducted the service. The Organist, Peter Galloway, played the Taize chant ‘Laudate omnes gentes’ as Arthur was brought into Church. The hymns were ‘And can it be that I should gain ...’ and ‘O Love that will not let me go’. A Bible Reading from Psalm 139: 1-18 NRSV was done very expressively by Richard Phua who was Arthur’s Elder. Arthur’s favourite Carol – ‘Once in royal David’s city’ was played and sung. After Prayers and a Blessing, the family followed Arthur out to the music of the Taize chant ‘Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom’. As always, Peter’s playing of the organ was beautiful.]



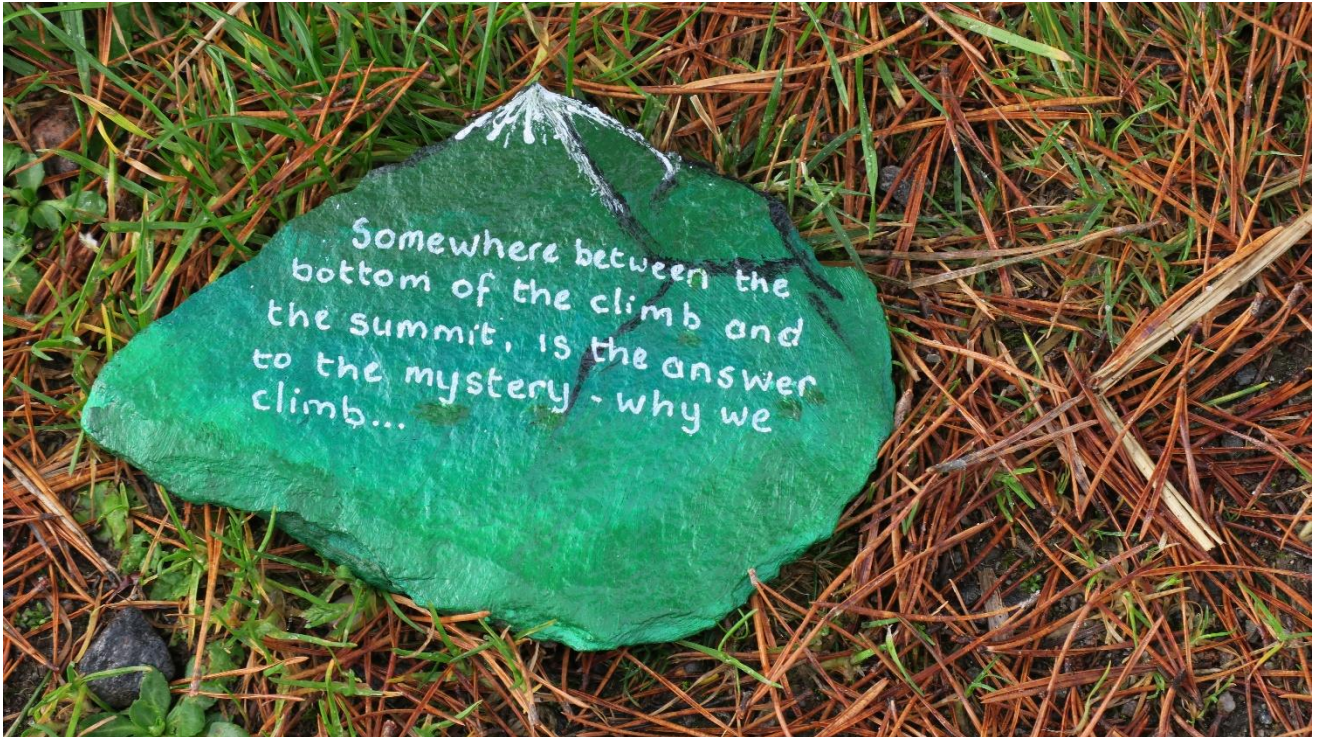
Notes from Elders' Meeting
on Wednesday 1 December 2021
(held in the Hall and on ZOOM on line)

Notes from Elders Meeting on Wednesday 1 December 2021 at Waddington Street URC

1. Doris Jackson (Chair) opened with reading the Deliberata and prayer.
2. The meeting received apologies from Ruth Cranfield, Kathleen Clasper, Val Hodgson and Janet Thornborrow. The minutes of the last meeting on 3 November 2021 were agreed and signed.
3. Jane Rowell- Vision and purpose at Waddington Street – Jane addressed the meeting as a facilitator from URC to help us take forward our vision and purpose at Waddington Street. An afternoon meeting is to be held on 30 January 2022 to share ideas with Elders or Elders/congregation on this topic. We were asked to consider 3 questions. 1) What are we doing now? 2) What would we like to do better? 3) What are our aspirations for Waddington Street? The meeting discussed what we do and what we might like to do. We need to branch out of our core and increase and develop areas of interest. Moving with technology is important. Community and student links are important. Jane and Marcus will link to help facilitate this day in January. The meeting thanked Jane for her input and guidance.
4. Matters Arising from the minutes of 3 November 2021 – 1) Thanking Judy and Arthur – this has been postponed due to Arthur's passing. 2) Decorations- Lighting windows too expensive and no time to organise this year. Agreed to leave church lights on periodically to light building and windows. Meeting decided to look at the church lighting in general (bulbs especially) in great need of an update and prepare earlier for Christmas décor next year. 3) Mitzvah Day – Not many students attended need to be part of preparation beforehand. Attendees enjoyed the day. 4) Artist in residence- Janet Thornborrow, Barbara Tinsley and Marcus are part of the recruitment panel. The meeting was shown a job description for the role.
5. District Reports were received and prayers offered.
6. Correspondence – none.
7. Patterns of Ministry- Meeting postponed this item to next meeting.
8. Emergency Numbers - the meeting agreed to put together 'emergency contact details for organisations (especially 24 hour cover) to help individuals get assistance with life. A list to be drawn up and displayed prominently.
9. ECO Congregation- We have been awarded our Bronze award.
10. Christmas arrangements- 19 December -Service 4.30pm -carols and mince pies -Marcus preparing service and Barbara has produced posters. 25 December we are invited to join North Road Methodist Church service at 10. 30.
11. Group Meeting – The meeting discussed the paying of expenses within the group. Future consideration to be given to "If the group are doing something – the group should pay?" Group Service at Bethel Church on 6 March 2022. Les Thomson has stepped down from the group. The meeting thanked him for his time and contributions. Yvonne agreed to be a Waddington Street representative.
12. A.O.B. -Arthur Banister funeral to be held at Church on Tuesday 14 December at 10.am and on Zoom. The meeting discussed the numbers able to attend safely under the present restrictions. Marcus to discuss with Judy.
13. Next meeting 5 January 2022 at 7pm. Helen to Chair and Val to take minutes. Meeting closed with the saying of the Grace. (Yvonne Melville)

A Climb For A Friend

Last year, we were asked by an elderly friend if we would do something for her. A few years ago, her husband passed away and her daughter wanted to do something special to commemorate both her father and mother. Our friend asked us, as regular walkers in the hills, if we would take with us on a walk, a stone that her daughter had painted, and leave it up a hill somewhere. We were more than happy to do this for her.



We had a location in mind in the Cairngorm mountains and several attempts were foiled by Coronavirus lockdowns, but we were eventually successful, even though gale force winds and rain prevented us from climbing our first-choice mountain.



11.

We had only allocated one day, so we decided to climb a small hill with great views across the great pinewoods to the higher Cairngorm mountains.

Our walk started at Loch an Eilein and it was cold, windy and cloudy. We first had to crawl under the corner of a dilapidated gate in a deer fence, then we found a zig-zag path winding its way up the steep hillside. The path was sometimes wet and muddy and occasionally rocky.



As we climbed higher through autumn gold birch woods and bracken, the view and the weather improved, although the wind remained strong.



The view from the top of the hill was outstanding and we left the stone beside a large boulder near the summit.



It is the hope of our friend's daughter that other walkers and climbers will find the stone and carry it with them to other hills and mountains, to inspire other people as they climb.

Angus and Jan Robson.

SHINING A LIGHT ON Lighthouses ... by David Thornborrow



The modern lighthouse evolved from beacons placed at prominent locations along coasts or inland waterways to assist safe navigation and alert shipping to hazardous coastline including reefs and shallows. There are examples dating back more than 2500 years. Beacons were typically maintained by combustible material. Stone columns and then towers provided increased visibility.

More robust structures followed and were lit by oil and ultimately naked flames were encapsulated by glass. Naturally, wooden structures were prone to fire and destruction by storms. Mirrors and lenses increased their effectiveness in the later middle ages.



The Hook Lighthouse situated at the tip of the Hook Peninsula in County Wexford, in Ireland is one of the oldest lighthouses in the world and the second oldest operating lighthouse in the world, after the Tower of Hercules (below)

The Tower of Hercules, in Galicia, Spain, was originally built in the 2nd century AD by the Romans. It is a World Heritage Site.



Whilst function and sturdiness are of fundamental importance, the form of lighthouses varies considerably and some are aesthetic creations. Each is distinctive. A significant contribution was made by the Stevenson family who also pioneered the lamps and lenses used to alert shipping. From Smeaton onwards, builders used precisely chiselled, interlocking granite blocks anchored into the bedrock and tapered to withstand the pounding of the sea waves.. Further design improvements were made so that when the force hits the

lighthouse its strength is dispersed around the curve of the tower; concave lipped at its summit.

There are more than 60 lighthouses dotted around the UK. The charity Trinity House looks after many of these lighthouses to help maintain the safety of seafarers. There is a Museum of Scottish Lighthouses in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire based upon the 16th century Kinnaird Head Castle - to become the first mainland lighthouse in Scotland (1787).

Canada is home to more than 750 lighthouses. Many good examples on the Bay of Fundy coastline.



La Serena in Chile (left). Chilean authorities maintain 650 lighthouses from the boundary with Peru to Cape Horn. Definitely a quirky example.

In the UK we have some magnificent examples and North East England is well endowed. Roker pier below left under pressure. Built in 1903. Below right – St. Mary's Lighthouse, Whitley Bay. Completed in 1898. Built by John Miller, Tynemouth.



Smeaton's Tower (Plymouth) (left) is a memorial to civil engineer John Smeaton, designer of the third and most notable Eddystone Lighthouse. A major step forward in lighthouse design, Smeaton's structure was in use from 1759 to 1877. Below left - Tayport High south of Dundee – one of two lighthouses built in 1823 by Robert Stevenson. Below right – When is a lighthouse not a lighthouse? Satellite and other technology has reduced the reliance upon lighthouses and lightships.



ROTAS ... 2022 ... PREACHERS**JANUARY 2022**

2nd	Revd John Durell
9th	Meg Thomson
16th	Revd Alan Middleton
23rd	Bernard Lee
30th	Revd Marcus Hargis

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6th	Pauline James
13th	Mrs. Barbara Ledger
20th	Mrs. Maranny Jones
27th	Revd Marcus Hargis

Date	Elders	Door Duty
January 2nd 2022	Mrs. H. Cockburn Mrs. J. Thornborrow	Mrs. K. Clasper
9th	Mrs. K. Clasper Mr. R. Todd	Mrs. H. Cockburn
16th	Mr. D. Shirer Mrs. J. Sarsfield	Mr. & Mrs. R. Todd
23rd	Mr. R. Phua Mr. S. Ogilvie	Mrs. K. Ogilvie
30th	Mrs. Y. Melville Mrs. K. Ogilvie	Mrs. V. Hodgson
February 6th	Mrs. V. Hodgson. Mrs. D. Jackson	Mr. M. Reay
13th	Mr. R. Todd Mrs. K. Clasper	Mrs. D. Jackson
20th	Mrs J. Thornborrow. Mrs. H. Cockburn	Mrs. W. Surtees
27th	Mrs. J. Sarsfield Mr. D. Shirer	Miss B. Tinsley

Please arrange your own replacement if unable to carry out your duty on the given date.

**COFFEE ROTA - 2022**

JANUARY	2nd	Helen Cockburn, Lucille Thomson
	9th	Kathleen Clasper, Barbara Tinsley
	16th	Anne Cramb, Malcolm Reay
	23rd	Ray and Ki Anglesea
	30th	Fred Robinson, Yvonne Melville

FEBRUARY

6th	Alison and Charles Jolly
13th	Sylvia Warburton, Doris Jackson
20th	David and Janet Thornborrow
27th	Heather Todd, Val Hodgson



FLOWER ROTA – JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2022

JANUARY 2022

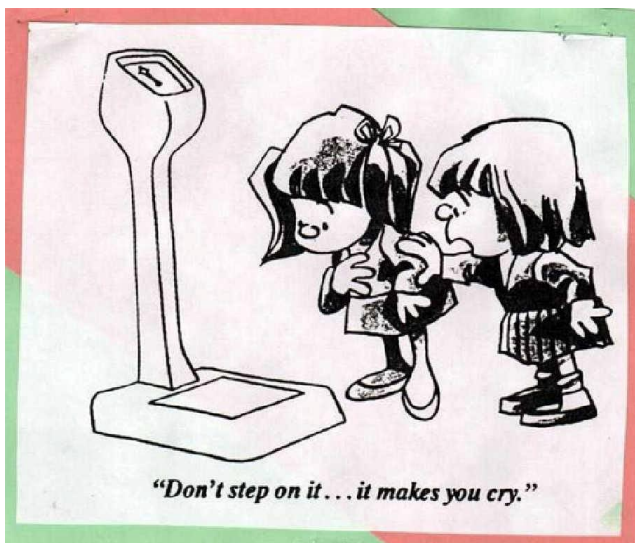
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 23rd Mrs. J. Sarsfield
 30th Mrs. J. Graham

FEBRUARY 2022

6th Mrs. K. Clasper
 13th Mrs. Y. Melville
 20th Mrs. D. Jackson
 27th Mrs. H. Cockburn

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This is for those of us who overate last month!



In the early hours of Saturday morning we had what we thought was an injured haggis brought in, but after listening to the wee thing shouting 'fair fa' your honest sonsie face..... Wee sleekit cow'rin tim'rous beastie....' and 'some hae meat and canna eat' repeatedly for 2 hours, it was obvious he was suffering from severe burns.

We started him on an irn bru intravenous drip, hot toddies, and shortbread fed little and often.

By Saturday night he was looking much better.

By Sunday morning he was starting to smile and looked like a totally different haggis.

By this afternoon he had finished the shortbread and the full bottle of whisky, was grinning from lug to lug and is completely away with the fairies. We hope to sober him up and release him onto the Lomonds tomorrow.

(I hope this text is understandable for non-Scots.

The haggis is under the blanket in the middle of the photo. You can see its bleary eyes!

Bet you can't get this treatment on the NHS!



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
Amen

