

Bury Unitarian Church



September 2021

Letter from the Minister

Dear all,

How lovely that we're now in September (or will be, by the time you receive this: I'm actually writing it on a rather chilly August Bank Holiday Monday).

September is always one of my favourite months. Even in the days when it meant back to school or back to college, there was always something magical about it, and it wasn't just the excuse to buy stationery, though that was a part of it. I still get that back-to-school feeling, as well. Maybe September is a good time to consider learning something new?

As you'll know, we have been making progress at church in terms of how our worship services run: we are now singing hymns in services, which feels like a wonderful step forward. We're still wearing masks, and this will continue for a while (the church officers are still in discussion about this), but speaking from the perspective of the minister, it is truly wonderful to look out and see so many more faces (or half faces, anyway) and to hear proper, vigorous, singing. I've also added the children's story back into the services as well, though sadly, in the three weeks I've been doing them, there have been no actual children present.

You'll know that we're not yet doing refreshments after the service, and I know that a lot of us really miss that. We do gather for a chat after the service, normally in the garden, but I know that most of us would also love to have a cup of tea. Again, the church officers haven't forgotten about it, and we have an ongoing conversation about how we can manage it so that it's safe and enjoyable for everyone.

We need to bear in mind, though, in discussions like this, that it's not just Covid which has an effect on our ability to do these things: we are all eighteen months older than we were when the first lockdown happened, and it's been a gruelling eighteen months. We need to be very aware of people's energy levels when we're trying to plan anything, and we need to

be aware that although people are every bit as willing to do the work and to make things happen, a lot of us are now less able to do so.

Rebuilding our social life is going to take time, caution, and imagination. I think we have to accept that things aren't just going to slot back into how they used to be, and we have to look at all the many positives.

And we have to start from where we are, not from where we want to be: if we were starting our church from scratch, right now, I wonder what we'd want to do? Lots of it would be the same as it was in 2019, but I wonder if any of it would change?

We have been turned upside down by the Covid crisis, and I think we all know that it isn't over yet. What's absolutely marvellous is that the strength of our community has remained intact. I know that at the beginning of all of this I was worried that our community might fracture (and tragically, that's happened in some churches). But we really haven't. Even in the strictest periods of lockdown, it was clear to see that we are indeed a loving and supportive congregation, and that our relationships with each other are genuinely loving. And now that we're edging our way out of lockdowns and learning to live with Covid in the background, it's still very clear. Even with everything that's going on in the world and in our lives, and even with everything we're putting up with as individuals, most people's concern, in every conversation, is about how other people are, and not just the people who've been part of our congregation for decades, but people who've become part of us more recently, through the Zoom services or other things we've been doing.

I'm very proud to be a part of this community!

As ever, I send you my love.

Rev Kate Brady McKenna.

Presidential matters

What a busy---and short---month August has been! It's difficult to believe that it's three-quarters of the way through, already! This month, and last month, I've conducted services for Walmsley Chapel, Bolton, and have enjoyed both of them; the welcome has been warm, and the congregation seems to have enjoyed both the services I've prepared for them. An added bonus was that, this month, a party from Bank Street, Bolton, was in attendance, which meant that the church was fuller than usual, and it was pleasing to see friends from Bank Street again, as well as two members from Stand, one from Blackpool, and two from New York City! What a cosmopolitan gathering! August also took us to the North East, where we enjoyed a few days' holiday, as well as working; Northumberland is a beautiful county---spacious and scenic---and well-worth a visit. I was booked to take a service for Newcastle Unitarians, on the morning of August 1st, and was delighted to find that the original worship-area was to be used; this holds a congregation of 600, so we all had plenty of room! The chapel is a beautiful area, with excellent acoustics, and I was glad of the opportunity to preach there, as the premises are shortly to be sold; it's unlikely that I will have the chance again. The evening service, at Stockton-on-Tees, by contrast, was relaxed and tranquil, as such services should be; the chapel dates only from 2007; it is modest in size but appropriate for its congregation, as well as eco-friendly and modern in design. Despite our masks, all of us present "made a joyful noise unto the Lord", as we sang the hymns with great gusto. In the afternoon, we had spent some time by the river, in Stockton, admiring the number of attractive bridges, as well as the town-centre. The only strident note (literally!) on that day, was that the fire-alarm at our hotel went off at 2 a.m; so we had to evacuate the building for about twenty minutes---not the best start to a day which was pretty busy, but all went well, as we commented on our way home, driving through sunshine, on a mild, pleasant evening, tired but contented.

On the following Sunday, I was invited to conduct Padiham's special Re-opening Service for them; they have been closed since lockdown, last March; initially, I had been reluctant to take the service, as I felt that this was predominantly a day on which the congregation should be to the forefront; however, in the end, I liaised with Rev. Dr. Shannon Ledbetter, so that both of us were involved, as that seemed the most appropriate way to proceed. For one of my readings, I read the words I had written in our October calendar about Bury's first three services, last September, after more than five months' closure; time has moved on, since then, but the same emotion and sense of celebration and rejoicing prevailed; this was a day to remember, most certainly, and it was an honour and a privilege to be present on such a joyous occasion. Warmth and hospitality were to the fore, and everyone present appreciated the significance of the day and the wonderful atmosphere that reigned. My last August service was conducted by zoom, for Edinburgh Unitarians; I was sorry not to be able to be there, in-person, as Edinburgh was my father's birthplace, as well as his home for half his life, and I have a soft spot for this great city. I was trying out a new laptop for this service, so was not entirely comfortable with various arrangements; also, as it's about three months since I last conducted a zoom service, I realised that I had forgotten some of the finer points of the requirements. How easy it is to become de-skilled! However, all was well, and the large congregation enjoyed the service, despite one or two blips.

I have now written and submitted my next article for "The inquirer", which will be published shortly, and my Greetings to the National Unitarian Fellowship have also been sent off to the editor of the NUF's quarterly magazine; some mystery surrounds this, as I sent the piece in, towards the end of July, but never received an acknowledgement; on the basis that it was better to submit twice, rather than not at all, I emailed it again, to receive an immediate response. Where the original email went will remain forever unknown; is it still floating around, in the ether, or has it been opened by a stranger who wonders what on earth it's supposed to be?

As we have moved through August, we have adjusted our services, in order to respond to more relaxed restrictions; we are still bearing in mind, however, the need to keep ourselves, and others, safe, so we must be patient for a little while longer; the virus has not disappeared, and, a few days ago, I heard a report that the over-50's might be called forward for Covid booster-jabs, starting in September.

I do congratulate Kate and Ade, and thank them, for responding in such a timely and responsive way to all the changes; we are now singing hymns again, albeit into our masks, and services are longer, and more like the ones we used to have. We will continue to move slowly forward, and it is good to know that we are in such capable hands. Their efforts are, as always, greatly appreciated.

My official duties will keep me away from Bury for the next month, at least, but I am still working hard, on Bury's behalf, as is Roger. We have moved into a time of transition, now: not necessarily under restrictions, but not completely free, either, as we need to work towards being safe and healthy. Many of our churches are moving into the realms of hybrid or blended services---that is, in-person services which can also be attended via zoom; this requires a slightly different approach, with some new equipment, but it is probably necessary, so that everybody can be included in worship.

I note that, in last month's message, I hoped everybody could keep cool; as I write, I feel more inclined to say "keep warm", in September, as seemingly-endless rain, and damp, chilly weather, predominate. I begin my month in South Wales, with official engagements, and then return to Bury, via Brighton, Walmsley, and Rochdale. Roger and I send our very best wishes to everyone and will hope to see you all very soon.

Anne Mills

Worship in September 2021

Sunday services in person

We meet to worship in person on Sunday mornings at 11.15am in the worship area. Our services are now full-length, with all four hymns and a children's story.

Seating is unrestricted, but there is a row of 'safer seating' at the back for people who prefer to remain socially distanced and who prefer not to be around people who are singing.

At the time of writing face-coverings are still required, unless there is a medical reason you can't wear one.

After the service we gather for a chat, but at the moment we're not serving refreshments.

Sunday Zoom

We meet for worship on Zoom on Sunday afternoons at 2pm. The Zoom service lasts around 30-35 minutes and is followed by a chance for a chat.

You are very welcome to join the Zoom by phone or over the internet, and if you haven't joined us before you're very welcome to come along.

Midweek meditations

These meditations, hosted on Zoom, normally take place at 7pm on Tuesday evenings, and were due to start again at the beginning of September. Unfortunately, Kate's schedule in the first half of September means that she can't host them on Tuesdays 7th or 14th.

There will be an in-person gathering on the Equinox (Tuesday September 21st), and then an online meditation on Tuesday September 28th September.

Kate is really sorry for the disruption to these meditations and they will be back on track as soon as she can make that happen!

Autumn Equinox Celebration at Holebottom.

Equinox Celebration

(outdoors)

6pm, Tuesday Sept 21st, 2021

You are welcome to bring drinks and snacks: after a meditative ritual we can eat and drink together.

Holebottom Cemetery, off Rochdale Old Road, Bury, Lancs (please contact us for directions) .

The site is uneven: please bring sensible shoes,

**If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.**

Kate will be leading an Equinox celebration at the former burial ground at Holebottom on Tuesday September 21st, starting at 6pm.

We will gather together to mark the time of balance, when the day and the night are of equal length.

Please bring something to sit on, something to keep warm in, and – if you'd like to – something to eat and drink.

Well behaved dogs are welcome. The site can be rough and muddy, so please be aware of that. If you'd like directions or a lift, speak to Kate.

We won't let a bit of rain put us off, but we might let a lot of rain put us off, and the church is in use that evening, so plan B will involve Zoom: please let Kate know if you'd like to be kept informed.

News from our extended community.

Sue and Graham McMullen

Sue and Graham have recently moved house, but Sue assures us she will be back with us at church in Bury some time soon!

15 Pegasus Court
Rochdale
OL11 4EA
Tel: 01706 411027

Terry Brady

Some of you will know that Terry has been unwell for some time: at the time of writing he is currently in hospital in Salisbury having treatment for an infection. Marguerite is grateful for everyone's support.

Mike Connolly

People who remember Mike will know that, as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bury, he and his Consort, Ian Hargreaves, were very supportive of our church and visited us on several occasions. Mike has been in hospital for a few weeks now; he has just received surgery, on account of a brain tumour; he is doing well and hopes to be back at home soon, and well on the road to recovery. I have sent a card to convey our best wishes.

Anne.

I know that we hold in our prayers and our thoughts all of those who are mourning or remembering loved ones now, and that we celebrate with those who are experiencing joy.

If you have news you would like shared in the Calendar – whether it is happy or sad – or if you would like to ask for prayers or support, please let Kate know. She will never publish your news without your explicit consent.

Notes from the church property

On October the 14th, 1855, Reverend John Wright laid to rest the body of William Buxton, the twenty-month-old child of James and Harriet Buxton. William was the first ever interment in the then relatively new Holebottom cemetery, and from what I can discern, this was the first rite of passage performed for the church by the Reverend Wright, who would go on to join Bury Unitarian Church as its minister the next year and in that same year, 1856, to co-found Chesham Unitarian Church.

William's parents would have to wait some thirty years before they too would join him in Holebottom, dying within months of each other in 1885.

On September the 13th, 1972, the Reverend Anne McLelland would lay to rest the body of Isaac Standing, who would be the last registered and 1,940th interment in Holebottom cemetery.

According to the notes on the funeral, four mourners attended, and Isaac's son John paid eighteen pounds and ten pence to the church to lay his father to rest in the same grave as his mother.

The next time you visit our wonderful little cemetery, I ask you to think about William, James and Harriet, as well as Isaac. All are still interred in Holebottom and between William and Isaac there are 1,938 other interments: 1,938 other Unitarian burials. 1,940 Unitarians.

They are our history, each and every single one; and if you've been to Holebottom and can picture it; ask yourself exactly how, given its relatively tiny size, our forebears managed to fit in, not only a sizeable chapel of rest and a garden of same, but 1,940 of our church family over a period of some eighty-five years, and to do so with dignity.

It's an incredible achievement of engineering, and of love, and thanks to the love of many of our trustees over many years, it is a beautiful and wondrous place to spend some time.

If you know someone interred in Holebottom, but don't know where to find them, or if you have family there and wish to pay respects, please let the property manager know; although the memorials have long gone, I am sure I can locate their graves and mark them out for you any time you wish to pay your respects.

It is the least I can do. They are our people, and always will be. They are the 'us' who came and lived and loved before us, and they are, to paraphrase the words of our minister, a big part of our tiny little history.

Ade Brady.



Holebottom Burial Ground, earlier this summer.

What's on in September.

Bury Unitarian Church

In-person worship

Every Sunday at 11.15am

Bury Unitarian Church, Bank St, Bury, BL9 0DN
(by the Victoria Wood statue!).

Please join us for a service of words, music, prayer, and silence. We are a welcoming community from a variety of backgrounds, and our services cover a wide range of topics.

face coverings are required in the building, unless you are exempt

If you would like to join us, we would love to see you: everyone is welcome, no matter what.

Bury Unitarian Church

Zoom worship

Every Sunday at 2pm

Meeting ID: 849 7456 6116

Please join us for a service of words, music, prayer, and silence. The service lasts around forty minutes, and then we gather for conversation.

If you would like to join us, we would love to see you: everyone is welcome, no matter what.

All services at Bury are led by the minister, unless otherwise stated.

Fri 3rd Sept: 10am: Minister's vestry day

Sat 4th Sept: 11am: Coffee morning. (Zoom 839 0159 23)

Sun 5th Sept: 11.15am: Service in church.

2pm: Zoom service. (Zoom 849 7456 6116)

3pm: Service at Ainsworth **Betty Kenyon**

Mon 6th – Thurs 9th Sept:

Kate away (UMF)

Mon 6th Sept: Camera club

Fri 10th Sept: 10am: Minister's vestry day

Sat 11th Sept: 11am: Coffee morning. (Zoom 839 0159 23)

Sun 12th Sept: 11.15am: Service in church.

2pm: Zoom service. (Zoom 849 7456 6116)

5pm: Rawtenstall Interfaith service

Mon 13th Sept: NELUM meeting

Tuesday 14th Sept: 7pm: NWDPA meeting, Cross St. Chapel,
Manchester

Weds 15th – Friday 24th Sept:

Kate on leave (except Tuesday 21st)

- Sat 18th Sept:** 11am: Coffee morning. (Zoom 839 0159 23)
- Sun 19th Sept:** 11.15am: Service in church. **Rev Tony McNeile**
- NO ZOOM SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON
- Mon 20th Sept:** Camera club
- Tues 21st Sept:** 6pm: Equinox Celebration, Holebottom
- Sat 25th Sept:** 11am: Coffee morning. (Zoom 839 0159 23)
- Sun 26th Sept:** 11.15am: Service in church.
- 2pm: Zoom service. (Zoom 849 7456 6116)
- Tues 28th Sept:** 7pm: Meditation (Zoom 812 3292 6975)
- Teatime: deadline for entries for the October *Calendar*.
- Weds 29th Sept:** Book club, discussing *Waiting for Sunrise*, by William Boyd. This will be held either on Zoom or in person.
- Fri 1st October:** Minister's vestry day
- Sat 2nd October:** 11am: Coffee morning. (Zoom 839 0159 23)
- Sun 3rd October:** 11.15am: Service in church. **Harvest Festival**
- 2pm: Zoom service. (Zoom 849 7456 6116)
- 3pm: Service at Ainsworth. **Anne Mills, Harvest Festival**

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The minister's schedule

I generally try to take Thursday as my day off, and sometimes Wednesday as well. This does change when necessary, and of course if there's an emergency, I'm available even on days off.

Some weeks I don't manage a day off, so occasionally I'll take an extra one here or there!

I am generally in the vestry between at least 10am and 3pm on Fridays, and if you'd like to pop in for a chat you are very welcome. I do sometimes pop out to run errands, so it's wise to call first!

During September I will be away or off on the following dates:

Monday 6th – Thursday 9th: Unitarian Ministerial Fellowship gathering, Great Hucklow. I will be reachable on and off during this time, but unable to get back to Bury easily or quickly.

Wednesday 15th – Friday 24th: Days off and Annual Leave. I will be away from Bury for some of this time.

(I hope to be hosting an Equinox service at Holebottom on Tuesday 21st September even though it's in the middle of time off: further details elsewhere!).

The service on Sunday 19th September will be led by Rev Tony McNeile: thanks to Tony for agreeing to preach for us, and to Betty Kenyon for arranging cover in my absence!

Last month's services

Bury Unitarian Church
Daily Bread

Zoom worship
Sunday 1st August,
2pm

Meeting ID:
849 7456 6116



If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.

Bury Unitarian Church
**It always
was glorious**

Zoom worship
Sunday 8th August,
2pm

Meeting ID:
849 7456 6116



If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.

Bury Unitarian Church
God's microphone

(Oscar Romero, 1917- 1980)

Zoom worship
Sunday 15th August, 2pm

Meeting ID:
849 7456 6116



If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.

Bury Unitarian Church
**When home is the
mouth of a shark.**

Zoom worship
Sunday 22nd August,
2pm

Meeting ID:
849 7456 6116



If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.

Bury Unitarian Church
31 Days JULY 1931
23 THURSDAY
Huge and tiny histories
Zoom worship
Sunday 29th August, 2pm
Meeting ID:
849 7456 6116
If you would like to join us, we would love to see you:
everyone is welcome, no matter what.

If you would like the text of these, or any other services, please let Kate know.

Book Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29th, at 7 p.m. We are awaiting copies of our next book, which will be "Waiting for Sunrise". by William Boyd; these should be distributed soon. Further details will be available, nearer the time. Information may be obtained from Anne Mills or Pam Gilbert, in the meantime.

Anne.

An Evening to look forward to . . .

Meet Paul Kenyon, Investigative Journalist

The Book Club are planning to organize another 'Evening with Paul Kenyon' to be held at church when it is possible to do so. Paul's latest book, **Children of the Night** has now been published.

'The Strange and Epic Story of Modern Romania is a witty and page turning narrative full of grotesque characters who led the country into a series of disasters'. (Misha Glenny).

Paul has been visiting Romania frequently during the last twenty-five years. He is a distinguished BBC correspondent, was born and grew up in Bury and at B.U.C. Watch this space.

Pam Gilbert

Camera Club

Meetings will take place on September 6th and 20th, at 7 p.m; this month. Preparations for another Exhibition are starting to be organised; categories have already been decided. and photographs are already starting to be compiled; a definite date for this will be decided as soon as is practicable. Further information can be supplied by Janet Thatcher.

Anne.

News from around the denomination

News from Ainsworth

Ainsworth's next service will be held, on Sunday, September 5th, at 10.30 a.m; when Betty Kenyon will lead worship. All are welcome. On Sunday, October 3rd, at 3 p.m, the service will be conducted by Anne Mills, the GA President. This will be Ainsworth's Harvest Festival, and the Deputy Mayor of Bury, and his consort, will be present; refreshments will be served, in the school-room, after the service. Again, everybody will be welcome.

Rawtenstall Interfaith Service

The first in-person interfaith service at Rawtenstall since before the first lockdown will take place on Sunday September 12th at 5pm, and all are welcome.

The service will pay respects to those who have passed away, and also honour keyworkers and NHS staff, as well as all the acts of kindness which were witnessed. You will be able to share your thoughts, readings, poetry, and music during the service.

There will be a shared meal after the service.

Please contact Rev Shannon Ledbetter for further details of if you have any specific dietary requirements.

NELUM

The first meeting of NELUM since the first lockdown will take place at Bury on Monday September 13th at 7.15pm. As well as the business matters, it will include an act of remembrance for all those we have lost during the pandemic.

North West Provincial Assembly

The North West Provincial Assembly, of which our church is a member, is holding a special meeting to consider an important issue which was discussed at its AGM, in June. Now that the NWPA has handed over all its courses to Unitarian College, the question arises of what else it can reasonably provide, which will involve and serve its local churches. Information about various thoughts on this matter was printed in last month's calendar. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, at 7 p.m; at Cross Street Chapel, Manchester; a zoom option may also be available. Support would be appreciated; thank you.

Anne.

Summer School 2021: Theme talks online

I know that some of you attended some or all of the Summer School theme talks online at the end of August: if you missed them and would like to catch up, or if you were there and would like to see part of them again, you can catch them on Youtube (search for Hucklow Summer School, and you should see both this year's and last year's. If you'd like the text of Kate's talk, she will happily email it to you.

The Summer School organising panel are organising a series of online workshops over the next few months: if you are on the Summer School mailing list you will have seen details of these. If not, and if you're interested, please speak to Kate.

Do you find this easier to read?

Almost everything we provide in print at church (including services, Calendars, letters, reports, and the minutes of most meetings) is available in a large-print format, and a recorded version of the Calendar is available on CD and on memory disk.

(We make these anyway, so it's easy to get them to you: just let Kate know).

Accessibility

We want our church and our community to be as accessible to everyone as it possibly can be. As well as providing everything in large print, we have a hearing loop, wheelchair access at the back of the building, and an accessible toilet.

We have also recently taken possession of a new lightweight, easily collapsible, sturdy wheelchair. The wheelchair lives in the cupboard under the front stairs, and you are free to use it at any time it would be useful in church.

If you have a short-term need at home and would like to borrow it, please speak to one of the church officers.

By-Gone Times, by Betty Kenyon

No 16. The Manse: A trip round and about?

I thought you might like to see where our ministers have lived. Some of the places are still there. However, even reading through old Calendars I could not find all of their places of residence. If you can fill the gaps, please let me know.

Dates	Events / Minister	Manse
1662	<i>Act of Uniformity</i>	
1662-1695	Rev Henry Pendlebury	Bast House
1689	<i>Act of Toleration, meetings held at Bass Lane</i>	
1695-1719	No resident minister	
1719	<i>First Non-Conformist Chapel in Silver Street, Bury. Founded by Richard Kay.</i>	
1730	Bass Lane Chapel still in use	
1719-1770	Double ministry: Rev Edward Rothwell (died 1730) and Rev Thomas Braddock (ordained 1723)	Old Hall, Lower Chesham
1770-1803	Rev John Hughes	
1803-1831	Rev William Allard	19 Union Square
1837	<i>Second chapel opened</i>	
1832-1853	Rev Franklin Howorth	Bank Street
1852	<i>Third chapel opened</i>	
1856-1873	Rev John Wright	
1872-1873	Rev John Collins Odgers	
1873-1894	Rev Douglas Walmsley	
1894-1904	Rev John Collins Odgers	Laburnum House Manchester Old Road

1904-1921	Rev E.D. Priestley Evans	West Royd, Manchester Road
1922-1926	Rev C.W Townsend	West Royd, Manchester Road
1927-1950	Rev John W. Maw	West Royd, Manchester Road
1951-1964	Rev Fred M. Ryde	Green Street, Walshaw.
1965-1970	Rev James McClelland	108 Manchester Road 558 Bolton Road
1969-1970	Rev Anne McClelland	558 Bolton Road
1973-2007	Rev John D. Allerton	558 Bolton Road
1972	<i>Fourth church opened</i>	
2007-2010	Rev Jeffrey Lane Gould	33 Ashworth Street
2010-2016	Rev Beryl Allerton	558 Bolton Road
2016 -	Rev Kate Brady McKenna	33 Ashworth Street

See over for what might (but also might not) be pictures of some of the older manses: please correct us if Ade and I are wrong! (Kate).

300th Archive Anniversary Book/Record

The Anniversary book by members of our congregation is now in circulation. Many of you have written articles for it and no doubt you will want to read what others have written. Do please let me know if you wish to borrow a copy - there are three copies available on loan. More items may be added and I'll be happy to receive additional contributions.

Betty Kenyon



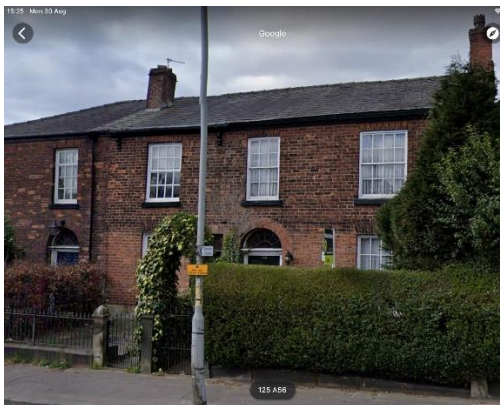
This seems to be the site of Bast House, but the building seems a bit too new.

And this could be Old Hall, Lower Chesham



Union Square has since been demolished

108 Manchester Road, as it is today.



Calendar deadline.

The deadline for entries for the October Calendar is teatime on Tuesday 28th September, and the Calendar will be with you either at church on Sunday 3rd October, or just before or just after that in the post.

HSBC

I wrote, last month, about some difficulties with our banking, whilst the HSBC Bank in Bury is closed for refurbishment. I am grateful to Shirley Horrocks for pointing out that CAF payments, by cheque, may be made into post-offices, once special envelopes have been obtained from CAF. I have now received the necessary envelopes, and this will improve matters. If you prefer to pay contributions by cheque, there is no longer any problem with doing so.

Anne.

Printer – free to a good, indifferent, or frankly a really bad home

If you've got use for a Samsung laser printer, with an unknown amount of toner left, then you're very welcome to this one, which was Kate and Ade's and has been in the vestry for a few years. Ade describes it as *"not much of a bargain even though it's free"* but we'd rather not recycle it if someone can use it.









The power of photo-editing software