

The Rev. Terry Murnane passed away on the night of 27th April 2018.

Please pray for his wife and children, and all who were close to knew him, and were inspired by him, including yourself, when he set up and established the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre

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The voice of faith working for our community of Burnley

BBB Board with Faith Leaders

The next meeting of the BBB Board with Faith Leaders is at the Faith Centre, Barden Lane on Tuesday 4th September 5pm

Please ensure your group is represented, if you are sent this or shown this.

Representing Building Bridges and the Commonwealth heritage communities in Burnley.

I was privileged to have participated in the Commonwealth Day Celebration 2018, held at Burnley Town Hall, organised by Burnley Borough Council this morning, representing Building Bridges and the Commonwealth heritage communities in Burnley.

The day included a photoshoot on the Town Hall steps, raising the Commonwealth Flag, and using the Commonwealth flag and bunting.

A formal gathering was held at the Mayor's Parlour and Guests rooms. The Mayor of Burnley, Councillor Howard Baker read the Commonwealth affirmation and Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mr Terry Hephrun read the message from Commonwealth Secretary-General.

The leader of Council Cllr Mark Townsend, the leader of the opposition groups, former Burnley MP Cllr Gordon Birtwistle, Cllr Margaret Brindle and Cllr David Higginbottom were also present.

There were plenty of discussions about future in relation to Brexit

Mozaquir Ali, BBB



BBB AGM Community Awards 2018

Please contact Colin Wills or Father Peter H. Strickland if you have any nominations or suggestions. It can be an individual, group, organisation, faith group, or business etc

Volunteers Wanted

BBB welcomes people to become part of the charity so that it can carry out its valuable work.

Has anyone, especially in the media, ever suggested Burnley is a divided town?

Whatever your answer, it is essential the work continues

Building Burnley Bridges Revised Activities Programme 2018

As always, Burnley Building Bridges this year have planned very exciting, thoughts provoking, challenging and ambitious programme.

Despite the cancellation of one or two activities, BBB believe that the events and activities, planned for this year will still further their mission, engage more people, bring communities together for a more cohesive and integrated community in Burnley

"Come DATE with me" During the month of Ramadan -16th May to 14th June, Mosques throughout Burnley will invite people of other faiths and none to break fast with them in their mosque

"Jo Cox Great Get together" will be held on Saturday 23rd June at the Crown Point's Singing Ringing Tree site. This will include a sponsored walk, speeches and a feast at the heights at sun set.

"Building Burnley Bridges AGM" will be held on Wednesday 27th June at St Mary's Church, Parish Room, Yorkshire Street Burnley. Guest speaker being considered is Bishop of Salford.

"Scriptural Reasoning with Faith & Community leaders" will be held on 10th October, at Worsthorne from 10-2.30 pm. (to be confirmed) This event will seek to bring together clergy and faith and community leaders from BBB and PBB and will discuss their understanding of scripture an a debate between them. It's a Pendle versus Burnley Challenge.

"Walk of Faith with feast"

will be held on 28th October from 2-4pm. start from a mosque, Imam Organisation U.K. Grey Street Burnley this year and end in Sion Church, on Church Street, with a feast.

"BBB Annual Celebration Charity Dinner 2018" will be held at a local restaurant on 14th November to celebrate successful implementation of the year's work'

BBB Men's Fellowship of Faith

The Meeting in February had to be postponed due to no one indicating they were able to attend.

The last meeting, Sunday 8th April 2018, (Easter Day was 1st April) was a held. Those present decided to review the group by inviting all men, who are available, to an honest look at the future. e.g. Is Sunday too inconvenient for most to attend? This Special Meeting has been planned for FRIDAY 11th MAY.

Father Peter will lead the meeting, 7pm, at St. Andrew's Hall. Pre Ramadan curry and pie festival cooked, while we talk.

Please leave a message AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, with either Father Peter or Colin Wills, as to your intention, and any points or matters you would like the meeting to discuss.

FATHER PETER, hapgoodstrickland@gmail.com , Tel: 423185, or Mob. 07563 399616.

Or COLIN WILLS Tel:01282436665 email colin@wills77.plus.com,

Also, if you are unable to get to the meeting at, all do the same please.

**A Minister and one priest retire
later in the year,
1st Sept., two ministers arrive.**

Rev. Phil Clarke retires as minister and as Superintendent Minister to the Methodist Churches in the area this month.

The area a Superintendent Minister is responsible for has increased significantly in recent months, hence he is being replaced by two ministers from 1st Sept.

They are Rev. Dr, Mark Jason and Revd, Phil Taylor - details nearer 1st. Sept.

Phil Clarke has been a supporter and contributor to BBB over the years. BBB thanks him most sincerely for this. We wish him all the very best in his retirement

In recent years his responsibilities not only to Methodist Churches in the area, but to Methodist schools and those schools which are a partnership between the Methodist Church and another denomination, e.g. Briercliffe Rd. Baptist Methodist Church and Wellfield Methodist Anglican Primary School.

Father Michael Waters, priest, at St Johns RC. Church Ivy St. retires soon. More next month

Revd. Richard Booth was inducted to Sion Baptist Church on Saturday, 19th April. Churches in Burnley, especially Churches Working Together in Burnley, welcomed him back to the town .at his induction, Richard was minister at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Hammerton St. before it moved into a former sheltered housing on Rosehill Ave. and became Rosehill Baptist Church.

**Correction from Father Peter re the April News
Sheet**

There is not a new vicar here and there would only be one if I moved.

Fr Benfield is not going to be vicar (at least not yet), but he is assistant

Religious Freedom

A Christian Charity, the Barnabas Fund, an aid agency for the persecuted church and persecuted Christians, has decided it is time to mount a petition for a bill to be introduced in Parliament to establish and enshrine Religious Freedom in the law of our land - religious freedom for people of all religions and none. "Freedom for one is freedom for all; and freedom for all is freedom for one." It would guarantee seven fundamental aspects of freedom of religion. Details next month.

The Inter Faith Network offers the following code of conduct for encouraging and strengthening these relationships. As members of the human family, we should show each other respect and courtesy. In our dealings with people of other faiths and beliefs this means exercising good will and encouraging and strengthening these relationships.

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1. Respecting other people's freedom within the law to express their beliefs and convictions
2. Learning to understand what others actually believe and value, and letting them express this in their own terms
3. Respecting the convictions of others about food, dress and social etiquette and not behaving in ways which cause needless offence
4. Recognising that all of us at times fall short of the ideals of our own traditions and never comparing our own ideals with other people's practices
5. Working to prevent disagreement from leading to conflict:
6. Always seeking to avoid violence in our relationships

When we talk about matters of faith with one another, we need to do so with sensitivity, honesty and straightforwardness. This means:

1. Recognising that listening as well as speaking is necessary for a genuine conversation
2. Being honest about our beliefs and religious allegiances
3. Not misrepresenting or disparaging other people's beliefs and practices
4. Correcting misunderstanding or misrepresentations not only of our own but also of other faiths whenever we come across them
5. Being straightforward about our intentions
6. Accepting that in formal inter faith meetings there is a particular responsibility to ensure that the religious commitment of all those who are present will be respected.

All of us want others to understand and respect our views. Some people will also want to persuade others to join their faith. In a multi faith society where this is permitted, the attempt should always be characterised by self-restraint and a concern for the other's freedom and dignity. This means:

1. Respecting another person's expressed wish to be left alone
2. Avoiding imposing ourselves and our views on individuals or communities who are in vulnerable situations in ways which exploit these
3. Being sensitive and courteous
4. Avoiding violent action or language, threats, manipulation, improper inducements, or the misuse of any kind of power
5. Respecting the right of others to disagree with us

Living and working together is not always easy. Religion harnesses deep emotions which can sometimes take destructive forms. Where this happens, we must draw on our faith to bring about reconciliation and understanding. The truest fruits of religion are healing and positive. We have a great deal to learn from one another which can enrich us without undermining our own identities. Together, listening and responding with openness and respect, we can move forward to work in ways that acknowledge genuine differences but build on shared hopes and values.

Share Faith Share Food (ladies)

the next meeting is on Tuesday 8th May At the Buddhist Centre between Curzon Street and Parker St, Burnley BB11 1AR For those unfamiliar, it is between Curzon Street and Standish Street in the town centre.

We are meeting at the usual time - 7pm. Please bring food for a shared table.

Please ring or email Bea if you need a lift or more information on 07875517043

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER in BURNLEY

extend a very warm invitation to our Muslim brothers and sisters to a Garden Party to be held at

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Yorkshire Street, Burnley

On Saturday 19th May 12.30-4.30 pm

The event is to celebrate the marriage between

HRH Prince Harry to Meghan Markle

Refreshments will be served

There will be live music and entertainment, and face-painting for the children and the opportunity to build and rekindle friendships in the town centre