

GREETINGS

March 2026

*to each other, all our
neighbours - and everybody
whose eye this leaflet meets!*

Dear Friends

I was amazed to discover that seventy seven years ago a Danish company copyrighted a new toy. They called it 'Lego', Danish for 'leg godt', or play well.

They can't have foreseen the enormous, world-wide enthusiasm with which these little multi-coloured snap-together building bricks would be greeted by children (and adults). Toddlers would press them together and imagine they were houses or lorries. Older children (and the adults) would build more sophisticated structures.

Parents and grand-parents loved them, because they were always a welcome gift. Mind you, little bricks in odd places rapidly became a feature of many homes – under chairs and settees, in beds, and even turning up in the cat's dish or the bath.

Lego has been, for seventy seven years, a feature of any home with children. I would guess most people reading this have either owned or bought Lego! And you know it's true to say that it's not only children who enjoy building—everyone is building something in one way or another.

We are all building – lives, characters, personalities, friendships. After all if we're made in God's image what could we be but creators and builders? We gather, pick and choose from all around us – and like Lego, make something of all the bits!

That was 77 years ago last month; 38 years ago on the 5th February 1988, Britain experienced its first Red Nose Day. 'Comic Relief',

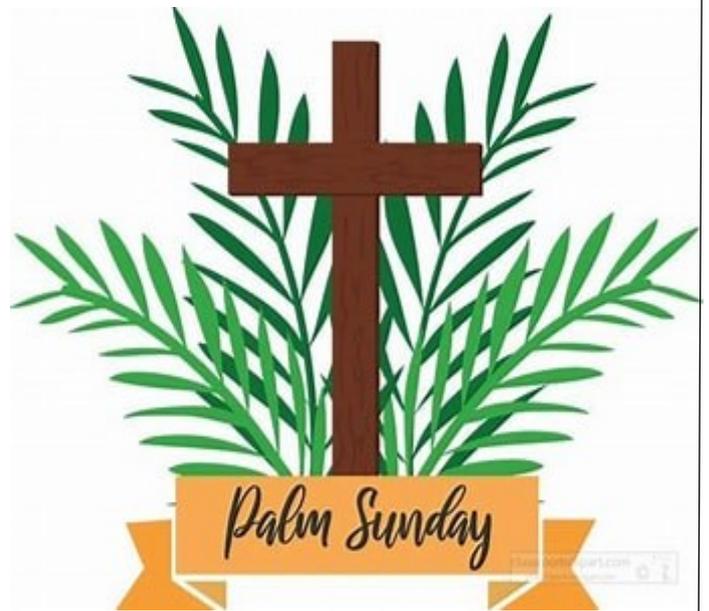
Suddenly red noses were everywhere. The message was that well-known funny people could help build something— a better world for those who are in need.

Once again, this month the red noses will appear – at school, at work, in shops and on the streets: a visible, bizarre reminder that all the world is not happy, but of course our laughter is that of sympathy, not ridicule. Last year the total raised by Comic Relief was over £34million, and that's no laughing matter.

Perhaps as we look back over the years since Lego and Red Nose Day were started let's also look forward and try to do our bit to build a better world for everyone. Because of course that is exactly what God wants us to do

Every Blessing to you all

Liz



The very last Sunday of this month starts with Palm Sunday and the very first Sunday of next month starts with Easter Sunday which is a lovely thought. Easter speaks of new life, of fresh starts and of hope. The whole story is about darkness defeated by a light which can never be extinguished.

Our Easter Services this year will be -

Palm Sunday at 10.45am led by Peter Butler and 'No strings attached Puppet Ministry'

Maundy Thursday service at Greenacres led by Rev Liz Dean

Good Friday Service at Hope Congregational Church

Easter Sunday Family Service with Communion led by Rev Liz Dean

We offer a very warm welcome to everyone!

What's on in March

Sunday 1st March	10.45am	Family Service and Holy Communion led by Rev Liz Dean
Friday 6th March	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
	7.30pm	Quiz Night
Sunday 8th March	10.45am	Family Service led by Rev John Hall
Friday 12th March	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
	7.30pm	Quiz Night
Sunday 15th March	10.45am	Mothering Sunday Service led by Susan Titmuss
Friday 20th March	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
	7.30pm	Quiz Night
Saturday 21st March	10am—12 noon	Coffee Morning
Sunday 22nd March	10.45am	Joint Family Service led by Rev Foday Kamar joined by Springhead Congregational Church
Friday 27th March	10am-11am	Zumba / Pilates
	2pm-4pm	Table Tennis Social Group
	7.30pm	Quiz Night
Sunday 29th March	10.45am	Palm Sunday - led by Peter Butler with 'No strings attached Puppet Ministry'

Flowers For Church

1st March	Sylvia Huttley
8th March	Bev Williams
15th March	Ian Bairstow
22nd March	Hazel Heywood
29th March	Ruth Horrocks
Flower Steward	Margaret Fowler

Quarterly Church Meeting held on the 15th February

The meeting was held in the Church Hall and it was agreed to continue holding the meetings informally over coffee in the hall.

It was agreed that Ms Gillian Knowles will be received into church membership on Sunday the 1st of March.

It was decided not to advertise the role of minister yet, but to review this at each church meeting

Our Easter charity this year will be in aid of 'Cystic Fibrosis'

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 6th March	QUIZ NIGHT at 7.30pm. Cost £3 will include a meat and potato or cheese and onion pie supper. Teams of up to 6 people
Saturday 21st March	COFFEE MORNING from 10am—12 noon in aid of Marie Curie Fund. £3 includes Coffee and Cake

Coming Up.....

Saturday 25th April	THEATRE TRIP to Mossley AODS 'We will rock you'
Saturday 13th June	A Murder Mystery Evening 'The Great British Baking Shock' Tickets £5 including buffet supper. Proceeds in aid of Cystic Fibrosis

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