Greenmount URC

Easter: A Season of Renewal and Hope

As we step towards Easter, we're invited to pause and reflect on a story that has shaped generations: a story of renewal, courage, and the quiet power of hope. After the long, grey stretch of winter, Easter arrives like a breath of fresh air, reminding us that light does return, often just when we need it most.

Across our community, this time of year brings a sense of togetherness. Families gather, gardens begin to stir with colour, and we find ourselves looking forward with a little more optimism. Whether you celebrate through faith, tradition, or simply by enjoying the brighter days, Easter encourages us to embrace new beginnings. It's a moment to reset, reconnect, and appreciate the small joys that often go unnoticed.

As we move into spring, may you find renewed energy, meaningful connection, and a sense of hope that carries you well beyond the holiday.

Wishing you a peaceful and uplifting Easter.

God bless.

Neil Carter - Greenmount Church Worship Team

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Sunday 29th March , Palm Sunday - Neil Carter

Monday 30th March 7-8pm. A Quiet Time of Reflection

Thursday 2nd April 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday 5th April 10am. Easter Sunday - Holy Communion, Jim Hurst

The **Greenmount Pop Up Art Gallery** is to be held in the church as a part of the Village Party.

Monday May 4th from 12noon to 4pm.

Preview Sunday May 3rd from 7 to 8pm.

Featuring artwork from Greenmount Art Groups and Artists, email for entry details.

Donations in aid of Bury Hospice.

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Cuppa and Chat

What a fabulous event for our residents who enjoyed a Christmas Party full of the Christmas Spirit. We were lucky to receive funding from ASDA who helped provide a lovely lunch catered by Delicious Catering in Tottington. The Greenmount Strummers provided the entertainment and the Mayor of Bury, Cllr. Noel Bayley supported the event and addressed the audience.

GVC Projects —Update from our Chair

Peel Tower Meeting — Greenmount Village Community will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday 15th April at 7pm** at **Greenmount UR Church** to discuss the planned restoration work at **Peel Tower**. We are working in partnership with **Proffitts CIC** and the **National Lottery Heritage Fund** to help promote this important project.

The presentation will be given by **Courtnay Ives**, Senior Architect at **Buttress**, a leading practice specialising in architecture, heritage consultancy and conservation. Courtnay will outline the survey work currently being carried out at Peel Tower and will be happy to answer questions about the monument and other heritage projects she has worked on. Everyone is very welcome, and we look forward to seeing you on **15th April**.

Village Party — Planning is underway for our annual **Village Party**, taking place on **Monday 4th May from 12 noon to 4pm**.

This popular event brings the whole community together, with **Greenmount UR Church**, **The Old School** and **Greenmount Cricket Club** all opening their doors. **Greenmount Primary School** and **Holcombe Brook Primary School** will also be hosting stalls organised by their Parents' Associations.

A wide range of activities and local groups will be taking part, including face painting, South Lancashire Bat Society, Ramsbottom Rotary, Bearded Barista Honey producers and Kirklees Valley Wildlife Rescue.

Thank you to **Wainwrights Estate Agents** for accepting prize donations for the tombola stall. Items can be dropped off during office hours (Mon–Fri 9–5, Sat 10–2). Donations of cakes and plants are also welcome and can be left at the Old School on the morning of the party. Proceeds from the tombola, cake and plant stalls fund this free community event, so your support is very much appreciated.

Christmas Tree Lights — It was lovely to see the community come together once again for the **Christmas Cracker** and the lighting of the Christmas tree outside the church. Even more people joined in the carol singing with members of **Tottington Public Band**, and the weather was thankfully kind.

New Bench — A bench in the church grounds has been refurbished by volunteers from the **Rainbow Shed**. It now offers a peaceful spot for quiet reflection.

Island Lodge Update —The tree works at **Island Lodge** are now complete. The team worked very efficiently and finished ahead of schedule. Once vegetation clearance on the banking is finished, this will allow additional surveys and investigations to be carried out on the embankments.

Julie Southworth
Chair—Greenmount Village Community

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D-CaFF©

D-CaFF is a lovely place to meet for people living with dementia their carers , family and friends.

We meet from 1pm until 3pm on the second Friday of each month at the Canon Lewis Hall, Longsight Road, Greenmount, BL8 4DB. Off-road parking is available and we are on the 472, 474 & 477 bus routes.