

London Street United Reformed Church

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This month Peter Bentall discusses where we can find hope during our struggles this winter.



Romans 8: 38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

As always, the end of October brings the change in the clocks, the advent of those dark evenings, and feelings of the approaching winter. For many, particularly the more elderly, it is an anxious time as they contemplate months of dark cold and the uncertainty as to how they will survive keeping fed and warm. This year for many pensioners the prospects are worse as some winter fuel payments are being withdrawn. The Health Service also is bracing itself for yet another difficult time, and that is to say nothing about the state of the world with wars, conflicts, famines and natural disasters. One bright note is the Basingstoke Churches once again are planning the night shelter for the homeless if the required number of volunteers can be found.

It is a time when our Christian Faith can be sorely tested as we rightly ask 'Where is God in all this?'

We look for leadership and see dictators waging war and candidates for the world's most powerful position trading personal insults, peddling misinformation and unfounded threats.

In this country we are struggling with the transition from a long period of one government to the start of another with all the mutual accusations that involves.

We need some message of hope and as Christians we can find that in the pages of scripture from the Psalms, the Prophecies, the Gospels, and the Letters. Many of us have favourite passages to which we return again and again for hope, encouragement, reassurance, comfort, and support.

Prayerful daily reading will find those particular words and verses that speak to our personal situations. One such is surely those verses quoted above, the absolute certainty that Paul had that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

We need that certainty for ourselves.

THE NOTICEBOARD

Information, updates, tips and more.



Can you help to make sure
that no one in our local
community goes hungry?



Items **urgently** needed: UHT Milk, Conditioner, Cooking Sauces, Custard, Powdered Milk, Sweet Snacks/Kids' Treats, Tinned Spaghetti/Ravioli, Tinned Tomatoes.

Items needed: Coffee, Deodorant, Hot/Cold Desserts, Toilet Roll, Nappies (Size 5 & Above), Rice Pudding, Savoury Snacks/Crisps, Small Packs of Tea, Squash, Sweet Spreads (Jam/Marmalade etc.), Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat (e.g. Chilli, Stewing Steak, Ham), Tinned Veg, Washing Up Liquid.

Please **do not** give Baby Food, Hand Soap, Hot/Cold Cereal, Nappies (Size 4 & Below), Non-Dairy Milk, Pasta, Rice, Sanitary Pads, Tinned Beans, as these are already in surplus.

Donations can be left at London Street URC in the container provided. For up to date lists, or to find other donation points, go to:

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/food/>

Or download the BankTheFood app from the Apple App/Google Play store and select Basingstoke Foodbank.



Alone at Christmas?

If you are going to be alone on Christmas Day and would appreciate company, then please have a word with me. Equally if you are at home at Christmas and wouldn't mind welcoming a member of the congregation to share the day with you, then please also have a word with me.

Thank you. Owen.



Eco Tip

God's Gift -- Our World

The Environment -- Our Responsibility



More recycling:

- Uppers and soles of old trainers can be repaired. Trainerarmour.com sells hole preventer kits for trainer heels and toes.
- Old ballpoints, and other pens, Tipp-Ex dispensers and the like can be recycled in Ryman stores and elsewhere via TerraCycle.

Don't forget, you can recycle the following items at London Street:

Empty Printer Cartridges, Aluminium Containers and Foil, Batteries, and Plastic Milk Bottle Tops.

FOCUS: Next Issue

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Focus magazine. If you would like to contribute to the November magazine, please contact the editor by **18th of October**.

Happy Birthday to the following members of our church family:

Kenita Moavu

Ian McCloy

Isaac Dumbleton

Carys Haywood

And a belated Happy Birthday and apologies to those we missed out last month:

Aime Blaise Elad Elong

Ava Esther Elong Ebokeng



Harvest

On Sunday 13th October we have our Harvest Festival Service which will be led by the 8th Basingstoke Scouts. You are invited to bring along fresh produce and non-perishable goods. Liz Lindsay is co-ordinating the decoration of the windowsills with a mix of flowers and fresh produce. If you would like to decorate a windowsill please put your name down on the list on the church notice board. The church will be open on Saturday 12th October from 10.30am until noon for you to decorate your windowsill.

Following our worship, all are invited to our Harvest Lunch. If you intend to come then for catering purposes please put your name down on the list on the church notice board. Thank you Gill for organising this.

Thank you. Owen.



Church Secretary's 'Retirement'

At the September church meeting, I spoke about the need for me to step down as Church Secretary having recently been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. By the time you read this article I will have started my treatment 6 weeks ago.

My daughters have made it quite clear to me that I should focus on getting better and step down from my voluntary work. I'm not arguing with them as it's sound advice. I will therefore be stepping down as Church Secretary at the end of December. It is church meeting that elect church officers and that normally takes place when we have our annual church meeting in April. Active consideration is being given to bringing a name to the November church meeting for the election of an elder to the position of Church Secretary from January 2025.

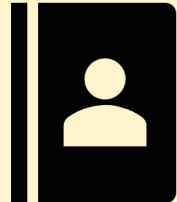
It hasn't always been easy, but it has been a privilege to have served as Church Secretary for the last 10 years.

Blessings. Owen.

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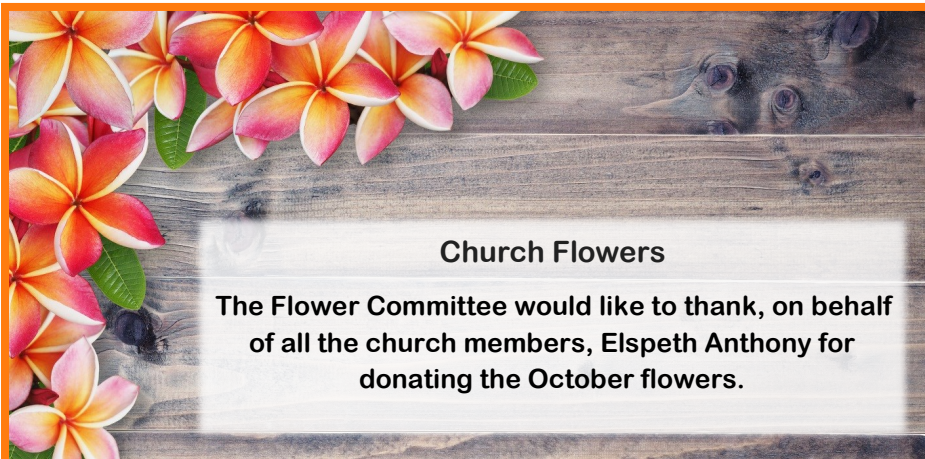
Work will commence shortly in updating our 2024 Church Directory for 2025. Please check your entries and let me know of any amendments by Friday 15th November.

Thank you. Owen.



News from the Synod - Faith Talk

Do you ever wonder how you can be comfortable sharing your faith with others? Are you worried you might be laughed at or dismissed or considered strange? Are you concerned you wouldn't know what to say if someone did want to know more? Join us for the second FaithTalk, a light-hearted conversation exploring how we talk about our faith. Thursday 3 October at 7.30pm. To register or to find out more, email: mission@urc.org.uk



Church Flowers

The Flower Committee would like to thank, on behalf of all the church members, Elspeth Anthony for donating the October flowers.

Tadley Big Christmas Day Event

We are organizing the Big Christmas Day event this year and would welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this fab event.

We are having a “planning get together” Thursday evening 3rd October, 7:30pm, Tadley URC at the Church (please note the church NOT the hall!) and would love anyone interested in helping, praying, just supporting being there.

There are always lots of different roles from setting up (probs Xmas Eve), to closing down, table hosting, transport, prayer, cooking, present wrapping, and other stuff.

If there is one thing I can promise you - it's always a fun day!

Please consider this prayerfully and pass the word around.

Love in Christ

**Mark and Julie Ward,
on behalf of the Big
Christmas Event.**



Night Light Winter Shelter

The Basingstoke Night Light Winter Shelter will be running from 1/12/24 until 28/2/25 in 7 different church venues, one for each night of the week (London Street will be Thursday). We have a wide range of volunteer roles available. Some of these involve direct contact with our guests in one of the three main shifts each night the shelter is open.

- Evening Shift - 6:00 - 10:00 pm
- Night Shift - 9:30 pm - 7:00 am
- Morning Shift - 6:30 - 8:00 am

We also need more behind the scenes volunteers to:

Help with set up before guests arrive each evening

Cook the evening meal (can be done offsite and delivered to the venue of prepared onsite)

Laundry (sheet sleeping bags and pillows will need to be laundered every day ready for the following week, fleece blankets will need washing less frequently)

Driving - we will need some help at the beginning and end of the project to deliver beds, bedding and other resources to the venues. We are hoping that all venues will be able to store most equipment between the scheduled day for the shelter

The best way to find out more is to attend one of our upcoming training sessions:

Tuesday 1st October, Basingstoke Baptist Church at 7:30pm

Wednesday 9th October, Hope Church in Sarum Hill at 7:30 pm

This is an opportunity to find out more about the project and decide which role(s) will suit you best.

Please register for the training at <https://bit.ly/NLWS24-Training>

We are also now open to people registering as volunteers for this winter's shelter using the form that can be found here <https://bit.ly/NLWS24-Volunteer>

Jonathan Veira Concert

This concert is being held at the United Church Winchester on Saturday 19th October 7pm-9:30pm, as part of the church's 50th year celebrations.

On 8th September 1974 something truly special happened. St Peter Street and Parchment St. Methodist Churches, and the United Reformed Church on Jewry Street, chose to put their trust in God and embark on a brave new future together. Fifty years on, the fruits of that leap of faith are plain for all to see.

Jonathan Veira is an internationally acclaimed bass baritone opera singer with a singing range as big as his heart. His performances have thrilled audiences around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy his talent and listen about his faith which he is happy to share with all.

It promises to be a splendid concert, and at just £10. I have four tickets for this concert Saturday 19th October in Winchester. I plan to go and will be going by train. If anyone would like to come along too please let me know. Gill Miller.

Sign Up for URC Pocket
Diaries/A5 Diaries and
Prayer Handbooks



Jenny McCloy will be ordering URC Pocket Diaries/A5 Diaries and Prayer Handbooks in October.

Pocket Diaries cost £9 (This year you can choose between brown or black) and A5 Diaries cost £11 and is green with a fish design.

Prayer Handbook for 2025 called 'Immersive Joy' costs £6-49

Please let Jenny know if you would like any of these items. There will be a sheet to sign on the noticeboard.

A WANDERING FRIEND

Gill Miller shares how she has spent her recent Sundays away from London Street URC.

A few people may have noticed I have been absent for some weeks.

An initial spell of ill health was followed by the opportunity to have a very much needed holiday. I was able to spend two weeks in the Greek sunshine with my school friend Julie. We have been friends since we met at age 7. I won't say how many years that is!

What a blessing it is to have a friend beside you through life's ups and downs.

My other entry in this month's magazine is a copy of Jill Cook's thoughts on Care (page 14). I think it helps to remind us that no matter how many friends we have, one or dozens the one steadfast friend and comforter is Christ.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me and before me.

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore.

Power to guide me, might to hold me,

Wisdom teach me, watching o'er me.

Ear to hear me, hand to guard me,

Love to conquer every fear.

Emma Townend, Joseph Townend and Stuart Townend Copyright

I have also, during this time, been able to visit some of our local churches to share Sunday Worship.

Fleet United Reformed Church

This is next door to my workplace, so I was able to share worship with some of the residents of Pinewood Court.

St Michaels Basingstoke

My work surveyor plays guitar in the band here. This was a most enlightening service. Maybe nearly 200 people attended Sunday morning, mostly younger people.

The United Church Winchester

A wonderful opportunity not only to share worship but wonder at the transformation of the church building to provide a new sanctuary and offices below. As mentioned in this magazine (page 10) the church is celebrating its 50th anniversary since joining with local Methodists.

Isaac Watts United Reformed Church Southampton

This was the sister church to Freemantle URC where I first became a member. Sadly, Freemantle has now closed but I was able to meet four friends, from my years at Freemantle, who now worship at Isaac Watts Church.

Woking United Reformed Church

This is my last visit – for tomorrow.

It has been a refreshing exercise and has enabled me to be welcomed and share in the Christian faith of fellow worshippers.

Many of our churches share increased challenges but our faith and work of God's church can continue to light our way and bring us and our friends, the comfort of knowing God's love.

Praise the Lord.



REVD KAY BLACKWELL'S INDUCTION

Tony Patterson shares a summary of his visit to Northumberland for the induction of Revd Kay Blackwell as a Special Category Minister.

On Friday, 30th August Owen and I set off for distant lands, heading for border bandit country in the north-east of England. We set off at 9:10am arriving at our destination at about 7:40pm – a total of 10.5 hours, including a number of rest breaks along the way.

Our accommodation was a large farmhouse, located in the countryside, 3 miles outside the Northumbrian town of Wooler. The house was situated on the edge of the Northumberland National Park, near the Cheviot Hills, and views from the property were beautiful. On our arrival we were greeted warmly by our hosts Peter and Sheila.

Overnight we had been joined at the farmhouse by a couple, and over breakfast we learned the wife was the Church Secretary of a URC in South Shields, and her husband did work for the Synod, and they were both there for Kay's Induction.

The service took place at Wooler URC as Lindisfarne was cut off from the mainland by high tide on the Saturday. Just before the service started the Church Secretary led Owen and I to the front row, advising us that those who had travelled the greatest distance should be rewarded with front row seats.

The service was led by the Moderator of the Northern Synod, Revd Kim Plumpton (Photo 1), and the main address was given by Revd Dr. Ruth Midcalf the Methodist Minister in Tadley (Photo 2), and a Basingstoke Hospital Chaplain.



Photo 1



Photo 2

The service was also graced with the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, Dr. Caroline Pryer (Photo 3), who was only appointed to the position in March 2024.

Her speech of welcome to Kay was lovely, friendly and humorous, belying the formal uniform she was wearing.

The Service of Induction was a happy and joyous occasion, everyone was so friendly and cheerful, making Owen and I feel welcome and amongst friends. There was a traditional bunfight following the service, following which Owen and I headed back to the farmhouse.



Photo 3

Monday dawned, and that is about all that could be said for it, as it was very misty. We set off for Lindisfarne to spend a short while with Kay and Andrew. As we drew nearer to the island we could see less and less, and by the time we reached the causeway we could just about see a few hundred yards in any direction. However, we made it and quickly found Kay and Andrew's new home, called The Manse.

On arrival, we were shown around the ground floor. The main door leads into a large open kitchen with an island bar in the middle. This room is so large that basically in one half of the room is the sink and cooking area, while the other side of the island was large enough to have a dining room table where they had been able to host 12 guests.

Next comes the large living room, where we had coffee, and this was followed by Kay's 'office', which is a room about the size of the Worting room, so that now Kay has space for her printing press. All these rooms have large windows, so not only are they bright and airy, they are also able to watch incredible sunsets, whether they are cooking, working or resting.

Having spent about 45 minutes chatting, Kay took us on her daily commute to her new workplace - the St Cuthbert Centre, a journey that took us all of 2 minutes (slow walking pace). The Centre was closed to the public on Monday, as they were expecting a group of artists attending an Iconography course, but Kay was able to get us in

as the guests had not arrived. For further details, here is the link:

<https://www.holyisland-stcuthbert.org/>

From the Centre, we had a two-minute walk to St Cuthbert's beach where we were able to chat with Kay, and hear about the ideas and plans she had for the Centre and for her involvement in the spiritual and community life of the island, including opportunities she may have for preaching. Owen and I went on to visit St Mary's church, which is the Anglican church on the island. This church is only one minute from the beach, and in the grounds of the church there are the ruins of a Priory, and a statue of St. Aidan.

We then headed back to Kay's house where we briefly chatted before leaving at 1.15pm, 15 minutes before the causeway to the mainland closed. Speaking with Owen, Kay and Andrew send greetings to all at London Street. They would be delighted to see anyone and if you intend to visit then let Kay know as you may be able to park on the Manse drive. Kay also mentioned that if we wanted a small group to come to the Holy Island there is accommodation and she would lead a study day or days.

Blessings,

Tony

CARE

This is a concept we all need throughout our lives. From developing foetus, newborn babe, adventurous toddler, teenager, maturing through adult to old age, whenever we feel that arrives - 90 plus for me.

Giving up one's independence is hard. But living alongside other "oldies" provides opportunities for speaking both about the worldwide church of which one is part and the local church family who still recognize one's membership and show their care through prayer and visits.

The companionship of Christ is still a vital part of one's humanity.

One is not alone. Praise the Lord.

Jill Cook, The United Church Winchester.

THE STORY SO FAR

An article, from last month's Reform magazine, about the URC's Church Life Review by John Bradbury, the URC General Secretary.

The story of The Church Life Review begins with our decision to accept, name, and understand the hard reality that faces us, and find ways to respond. This takes a long time, in a church whose life flows through many interconnecting councils. The challenges when I first became General Secretary were pretty clear. There are fewer and fewer people to take on the responsibilities of local church life. There is frustration in churches that want to do things, but haven't got the human resources. Elders and ministers are stretched thinly and a lot of their time is taken up with things that don't feel like the reason we want to be church. The consequence is decline in many, but not all, congregations. Churches are closing at a rate of knots. In places where we've had a witness of hundreds of years, that witness isn't there any more. It's disheartening.

Then there's the work that enables the national church to function: the training of ministers, finance, communication; we have a kind of HR department for ministers; the joint public issues team gives us a witness in the public square that no local church could have on its own; our world church work, and our anti-racist work, would be very hard to do as individual churches. All of that is funded from the ministry and mission budget that local churches contribute to - the fund that pays for our ministers as well as all this work. With fewer churches and fewer members contributing, that budget gets squeezed, which means fewer ministers, and less of the work that we want to do together. Also our church consists of 13 synods, which have grown enormously to become one of the main ways we support local churches practically. An unintended consequence of that is that we've tended to reinvent the wheel 13 times and there's quite a lot of duplicated effort.

So some things are clear from the start: we need to find ways to offer more support to local churches; we need more efficient structures; we need to reduce some of our outgoings; we need to invest resources in areas of work that thrive and grow.

Phase one of The Church Life Review included an investigation into

what exactly the situation in the United Reformed Church is. Firstly, we engaged the think tank Theos to explore the life of the URC, what our vocation is. A picture emerged of a church with a passion for transformative work in local communities, where our churches are often very small but have a disproportionate impact, but where people are tired. The report challenged us to think about our evangelism and how we connect the work we do with being a disciple of Jesus.

Secondly, we undertook forensic accounting, to give us for the first time a picture of where our money is and what we spend it on. This indicates areas where we might gain from fuller cooperation. It also shows that the overall wealth of the URC is always increasing. That's a very complicated picture, with lots of caveats, but you do see that as we sell church buildings, financial reserves in synods rise, to levels that people might find quite startling. Synods have almost no income except from investments and the sale of churches. That is a major source of income for the work of the URC. So we are, as it were, selling the family silver. And yet, we are not spending down the silver as fast as it's coming in, and even allowing for inflation, it would appear we are potentially accruing assets. This suggests that, instead of trying to maintain the level of our assets, we might spend them to invest in the life of the church. There will be many more church closures, unfortunately, but if we can invest some of that money in new ways of working together, in support for congregations, in developing new congregations, then perhaps our resources can begin to meet our needs.

Thirdly, we tried to streamline our central operations. We merged a lot of committees into one Resources Committee. There are continued conversations about how that works in the discipleship department. We're aiming for a committee structure that gives us what we need using fewer people. The more siloed it becomes, the less effective it is, but when committees have a broad view of the needs of the church, we're able to respond more effectively. Thanks to stage one of The Church Life Review, for the first time we've got some clear accounts of all of this that enables us to begin work from a common place. That enabled us at the General Assembly in 2023, with a remarkable degree of unanimity to set off the key bits of work for stage two, which is trying to work out how we unravel this and put it back together in new ways.

Prayer for harvest from the Synod - Care for Creation

Creator God

We praise you for the abundance of your harvest;

The colourful berries and glossy nuts which adorn the trees and bushes,

The ripe vegetables in all their wonderful variety,

The fungi growing deep in the woods.

We thank you for the autumn colours which blaze with your glory,

Gladdening our hearts, even though the days grow shorter.

We thank you too for the resilience of the world you have created

Where even fruits that fall to the ground contain seeds for new growth.

Help us to take inspiration from the world around us.

To care for the ground and living things which give us life.

To do what we can, even though it seems a little;

For in your eyes, nothing is disregarded

And love surrounds the smallest as well as the greatest

Warm our hearts with hope, by your spirit which brings fire as well as peace

And so fill us with love for this world, that we overflow with care for all.

Amen

THE WORKING DISCIPLE

Rev. Josh Thomas discusses the flurry of activity the next months bring and an opportunity to come together for both fun and philanthropy.



Every summer, I make the mistake of sitting back a little and taking it a bit easier, and then...

September comes around and you are suddenly at full pelt once again! Both of my children are now at school which is a blessing in many ways as I'm not sure my diary would have coped with having to fit in getting Joel to preschool along with everything else that has been in it! Being busy is of course a good thing, the Bible tells us in Proverbs 14 - All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. Being a disciple isn't meant to be easy, we are meant to have to put in the graft at times, to practice what we preach. Of course, there are other parts of scripture that remind us of the importance of rest and spending time in the presence of God. As with all things in life, balance is key...

With September's busyness, it's a good time to start planning ahead... we will of course be celebrating Harvest in a few weeks' time, and you are encouraged as always to please bring along any tinned products, toiletries or other suitable gifts to be shared with those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a great time to remind ourselves of God's blessings which, although often we overlook, are numerous and wonderful in our lives. We then suddenly blink and find ourselves in the month of remembrance, November. It is important whilst thanking God for the blessings in our lives, to think about those who have given up so much in conflicts throughout the centuries.

In November, we will also take a moment to remember those living in poverty across our world. I'm sure we are all on the same page in thinking that this should not be the case in a world of plenty, but sadly it is... Tearfund are an organisation who believe that poverty is not God's plan, and an end to extreme poverty is possible.

They work directly, and/or alongside local partners and churches, in under-served communities in more than 50 countries to tackle complex poverty in three main ways:

- Humanitarian response - responding quickly to disasters and conflicts, supporting those in greatest need throughout the recovery process.
- Community development - partnering with local churches and organisations, mobilising resources and empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty.
- Advocacy and influencing - helping individuals and churches speak out on issues of poverty and injustice, and we challenge unjust policies and practices at a local, national and global level.

On Saturday 16th November, we will be coming together virtually with both churches I serve (Petersfield and Liss and London Street, Basingstoke) for a really fun 'Big Quiz' event. Tearfund run this each year, and the aim is to bring as many churches as possible together across the country to do the same quiz at the same time. Now obviously, there is a bit of a distance between Petersfield and Basingstoke and so the proposal is to use the wonders of modern technology and run this virtually this year. We will start at 7pm and a zoom link will be sent out in advance. I would like to encourage you to compete with your family, spouse or to invite friends around and form a team (maybe even sharing a nice bottle of something...) and we hope to raise a good amount to support the hugely valuable work of Tearfund globally, whilst having a lot of fun together. There will be prizes for the first placed team at both churches!

God has blessed us so richly when we consider what we do have and so let's use the coming months to consider those who are less fortunate, and let's make the 'Big Quiz' 2024 the biggest yet!

Blessings to you all.



A Quiet Thought...

Don't look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.

Jesse Jackson

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

Please remember the following people in your prayers...

Dorcas and Seb in Uganda

David & Gill Vickery

Zoe Cole and family

Maggie & Richard Morgans

Louise & David Waller

David & Julie Bath

Sam & Ray Honeyball-Todd

Dick & Anne Davey

Christine & Eric Clucas

Carys Haywood

Barbara Banbury and David Corfield

Joan Musselwhite

Ian & Carol Scott

Marguerite Hurford and her son Michael

Chris, Leng and their families

Christine Robertson

Bev Harris and Dom

Claire Macro

Stan & Sandra Marut

Hyacinth Ridguard

Betty Shipway

Owen Collins and family

The Patterson family

Chris Jones' grandson, Archie

Vijaya, Ravi & Rachan Biyyani

Brian & Liz Foster

Alison and David

Morteza

Eric and Emelda, Peter Burrows, Nicola Hamilton, and Nicola Walwyn, who are being received into Church membership this month.

Aiden Paul, Ava Esther, and Nicola Walwyn, and Harley Honeyball-Todd, who are being baptised this month.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This month's assigned readings.



	Psalm	New Testament		Psalm	New Testament
1st	109: 6-15, 30-31	Eph 4	17th	118: 1-7	1 Thes 5
2nd	109: 16-20, 30-31	Eph 5: 1-20	18th	118: 8-21	2 Thes 1
3rd	109: 21-25	Eph 5: 21 - 6: 9	19th	118: 22-29	2 Thes 2
4th	109: 26-31	Eph 6: 10-24	20th	23	2 Thes 3
5th	110	Philippians 1	21st	119: 1-8	1 Timothy 1
6th	111: 1-5	Philippians 2	22nd	119: 9-16	1 Timothy 2
7th	111: 6-10	Philippians 3	23rd	119: 17-24	1 Timothy 3
8th	112: 1-5	Philippians 4	24th	119: 25-32	1 Timothy 4
9th	112: 6-10	Col 1	25th	119: 33-40	1 Timothy 5
10th	113	Col 2	26th	119: 41-48	1 Timothy 6
11th	114	Col 3: 1 - 4: 1	27th	119: 49-56	2 Timothy 1
12th	115: 1-8	Col 4: 2-18	28th	119: 57-64	2 Timothy 2
13th	115: 9-18	1 Thes 1	29th	119: 65-72	2 Timothy 3
14th	116: 1-9	1 Thes 2	30th	119: 73-80	2 Timothy 4
15th	116: 10-19	1 Thes 3	31st	119: 81-88	Titus 1
16th	117	1 Thes 4			

EVENT DIARIES

What's on this month at London St. & Old Meeting URCs.



At London Street URC (unless otherwise specified):

Regular Events

Sunday Worship 10:30am			
Mondays	10:15am	Craft Group	
Tuesdays	2:30pm	Take Time Meditation (Exploring Luke's Gospel)	On Zoom. Contact Church Secretary for password.
	5:45-6:45pm	Beavers	In Term Time.
	7-8:30pm	Cubs	All in the Den except Scouts who meet in the Wessex Hall.
	7-9pm	Scouts	
Wednesdays	10:15am	Memory Tree Social Club	
	12:15pm	Lunchtime Prayers	
Thursdays	7:15-9:15pm	Explorers	In Term Time. In the Den.

October Worship Diary

6th	Service includes Holy Communion. Led by Revd. Josh Thomas; Musician: Denis Smith.
13th	Harvest Service. Led by 8th Basingstoke Scouts; Musician: Mark Best.
20th	Service includes Holy Communion. Led by Revd. Michael Hopkins; Musician: Peter Dixon.

27nd	Service includes a Baptism. Led by The Worship Group; Musician: Mark Best.
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Duty Elder for the month: Gill Miller

Further Service Information:

6th

As well as Communion, our service includes five people coming into membership: Nicola Hamilton, Nicola Walwyn, Eric Elong Ebolo, Emelda Woutou Njiki, and Peter Burrows. We also welcome into baptism, Nicola Walwyn; and Aiden Paul Bato Elong and Ava Esther Elong Ebonkeng, son and daughter of Eric and Emelda.

13th

This service is our Harvest Service and will be led by the 8th Basingstoke Scouts. You are invited to bring along fresh produce and non-perishable goods. Liz Lindsay is co-ordinating the decoration of the windowsills with a mix of flowers and fresh produce. Your harvest gifts will be split three ways between the Community Food Table, the Women's Refuge and members of London Street congregation.

After the service we will share a harvest lunch. (See notice on page 6)

20th

This will be our second Communion service. This will be led by our Moderator Revd Michael Hopkins. There will be a retiring collection for Myanmar.

27th

As part of the service we welcome into baptism Harley, the son of Ray and Sam Honeyball-Todd.

Next Church Meeting:

24th November (Sunday), 1:15pm (in the Hook Room)

At Tadley (Old Meeting) URC (unless otherwise specified):

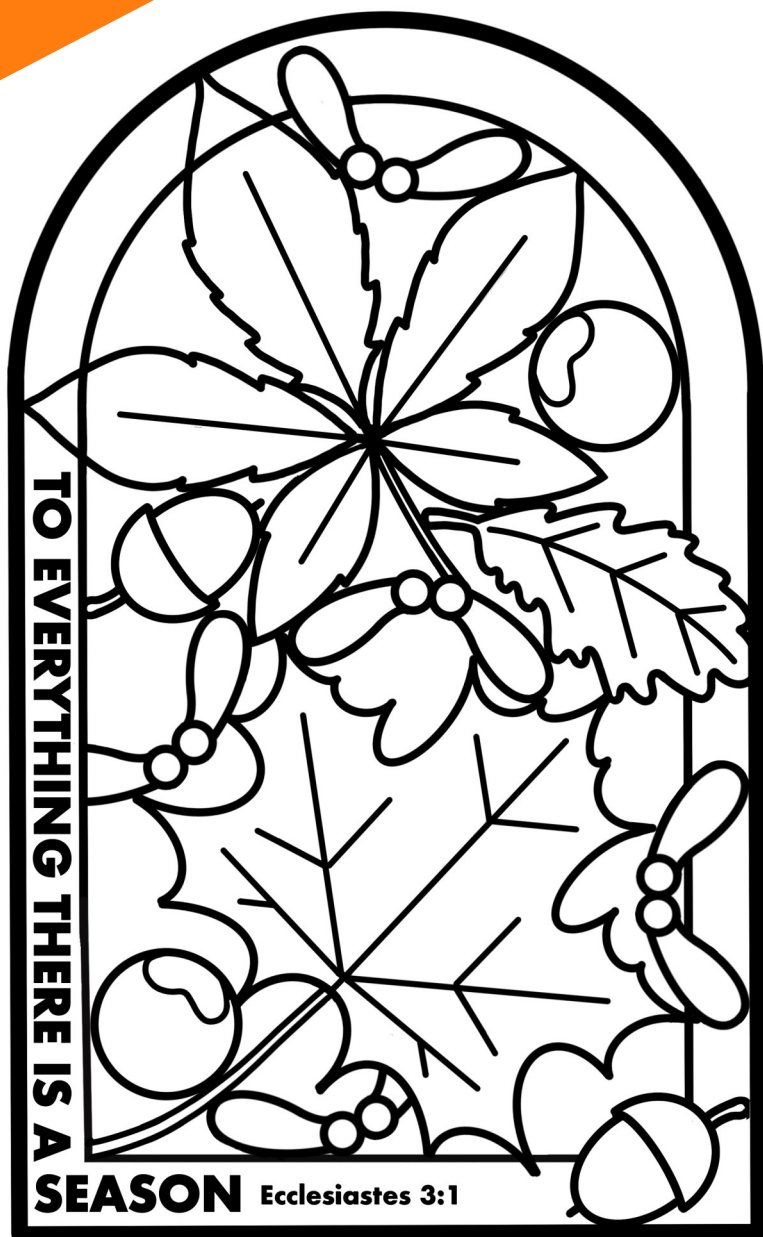
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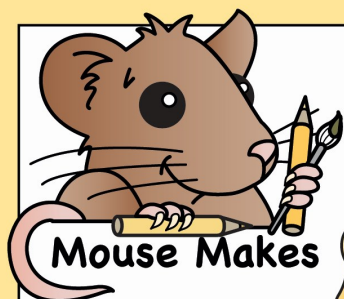
Sunday Worship 10:30am		
Monday Afternoons	Ladies' Cell Group	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Monday Evenings	Cell Group	Contact Mark Ward or Paul Gross.
Tuesday Evenings	Joint Prayer Time with St Paul's	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Wednesday Evenings	Prayer via Zoom	Contact Mark Ward.
Friday Afternoon	Men's Shed	2pm, once a fortnight. Contact Paul Gross.

October Worship Diary

6th	No Service at Old Meeting.
13th	Joint service for Arts Festival at TCM church 10:30am.
20th	Led by Sam Dunn.
27th	Details TBC.

Colour In!





WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

" *Galatians 5:16*



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12



"_____
is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!



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