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Welcome!



It's good to see you here.

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Church Diary

(please read this diary alongside the diary of regular events,
printed on the inside back cover of this issue)

Sun	29	Jan	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	Interactive Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship with communion
Wed	01	Feb	10.45	Monthly Forum: Talk about the "Medway Queen"
Sun	05	Feb	10.00	Traditional Worship with communion
			11.30	Interactive Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Tue	07	Feb	19.45	Faith Advancement
Sat	11	Feb	11.30	Faith Advancement
			19.00	Night Shelter until 08.00 on Sunday
Sun	12	Feb	10.00	Coffee available
			11.00	Combined 11 o'clock service
			18.30	Reflective Worship

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Tue	14	Feb	19.45	Faith Advancement
Sat	18	Feb	10.00	Stay and Play
			19.00	Night Shelter until 08.00 on Sunday
Sun	19	Feb	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	Interactive Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship with communion
Tue	21	Feb	19.45	Faith Advancement
Sat	25	Feb	19.00	Night Shelter until 08.00 on Sunday
Sun	26	Feb	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	Interactive Worship with communion
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Tue	28	Feb	19.45	Faith Advancement
Sun	04	Mar	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30	Interactive Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship

Online diary at: <<http://www.kingstonurc.org/kurc_calendar.html>>

Letter from Lesley



Dear All,

Happy New Year....the boiler's knacked (obviously a technical Geordie word that you southerners know nothing of but I think you probably get the gist)

Actually the boiler is not knacked. It is behaving as though it is but it is working fine. What is knacked are the pipes. Over the years they have got full of gunk and need a clean. That causes a blockage and so the boiler does not fire as it should. Now I know you are thinking to yourself...why is she regaling me

with interesting(!) tales about her boiler? It struck me that there are many situations where the problem that presents is not the thing that needs to be sorted out at all. The 12 step programme makes it clear that the problem is not where the solution lies. The problem might be drugs or gambling or overeating but the solution is spiritual. There is homelessness which is actually about someone's marital problems. There is overworking which is actually about self-worth. There is alcohol addiction which is actually about loneliness.

What then are the issues that each of us needs to sort out and could it be that if we take it on head on we are looking in the wrong direction? Could it be that we actually need to get back in touch with some fundamental things. Not a 10 day detox for example but a regular habit of prayer and worship. Of course that would bring us back to Jesus...following him...spiritually, day by day in our work and social life....and in thinking of others....and working for justice. This will have physical and social implications for each of us.

Best wishes for 2012. For some of us it is going to be a tough year. For some it could be the best year ever. For all of us God will be with us in it.

Best wishes,

Lesley

Vaughan's View

I am writing this shortly before Christmas, but by the time these words reach Church News and Church News reaches you it will be late January. No startling insights here; but both points on the time-scale turned my thoughts to the subject of homelessness. Christmas - because this is traditionally and rightly the time when the plight of the homeless takes on an additional dimension and poignancy. Hardly surprisingly, then, it is also the time when the public conscience is most deeply stirred and its response to the problem is at its most vigorous (or perhaps least apathetic!). It is in late January 2012 that we shall be providing a warm welcome, a safe environment and dinner, bed and breakfast to our first group of winter night shelter guests as part of the KCAH / Kingston churches initiative.

Now, others have written and preached on the subject with far more authority and eloquence than I could ever muster, but it is impossible to read facts and statistics about homelessness without an increasing sense of gloom tempered by despair at the seeming absence of a ready long-term solution.

The most visible form of homelessness is people sleeping on the streets. It is incongruous; it jars; it shames us. The number of homeless people sleeping rough is measured through local authority street counts. These provide a useful snapshot of the number of people sleeping rough on a single night but are best regarded as indicators of trends rather than as absolute totals.

Numbers are increasing dramatically. Figures published by the Department for Communities and Local Government suggest that the average number of rough sleepers per night in London rose to from 500 or so in 2009 to 1,250 in 2011. Although the charity St Mungo's computes figures differently, it recorded a growth of 19% between 2009 and 2010, with every indication that the situation will have worsened during 2011 in the wake, in part, of cuts to local authority funding for services for homeless people. Such cuts are likely, of course, to persist.

Here in Kingston, nearly six hundred people turned to KCAH for help during the year April 2010 to March 2011. The reasons for their homelessness or impending homelessness varied widely, but an analysis of their support needs showed a significant percentage to have profiles that would put them firmly on the 'vulnerable' spectrum; in other words people likely to have the most difficulty in helping themselves.

Not all are rough sleepers of course, but the 'vulnerable' profile brings me back to the night shelter and the support it provides to those who most need it. The project also unites a significant swathe of the KURC community

in serving an immediate and pressing common cause. It is difficult to imagine a more worthwhile one.

Vaughan James

Pastoral News

Out of care for people's privacy, Personal Concerns from January 2012 onwards will be deleted from the web edition of Church News. Anyone wishing to receive the full edition of Church News by e-mail should send an e-mail to

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and arrangements will be made to send them a pdf file of each edition as it is published

2012 - The Year of Radical Welcome.

Coming up in 2012, KURC's 350th year, is the URC's campaign of Radical Welcome. 9 May, 2012 is the latest of a series of delayed launch dates, and the delays themselves suggest that Radical Welcome is not a straightforward matter, however desirable it might be in principle. Kingston URC already plays a significant rôle in welcoming people from many different walks of life into its premises. A glance at the Church Diary for late January and February shows that: the night shelter project welcomes people who otherwise would be sleeping rough in Kingston; the International Friendship Café welcomes people from other countries and language backgrounds; our Foyer Coffee Service continues to welcome all sorts of people to our comfortable Foyer to sit and chat; our Parents and Toddlers and Stay and Play sessions welcome non-church families to our premises; people are even welcomed to KURC to dance, not too strictly - King David could have had no idea what a precedent he set! The list does not include any of the organisations that use our rooms for ongoing business, but they bring people into our building, most of whom receive no specific welcome from us. Overall, though, we are justified in thinking of ourselves as a welcoming community.

Radical Welcome, however, sets us all a greater challenge. It seems to me that, if we seriously invite people into our community, rather than simply into our building, we owe them the respect of trying to understand who they are, and, to coin a phrase, what makes them tick. I for one cannot say that I understand the beliefs of all my current fellow Church Members, and I should not be surprised if some fellow members wonder about what I really believe! Yet we are all supposed to be part of the same faith community. My impression of KURC as a church is that we tend not to talk much about what we believe. We talk about day-to-day matters of the running of our premises and the activities we organise, but we talk little about *why* we have the premises and do so much organising. Before we can hope really to understand outsiders' reasons for being who they are and holding or rejecting the beliefs they hold or reject, we should first of all be able to say honestly *why we* hold whatever beliefs we hold and how those beliefs influence our lives. The idea of a book of comments and cuttings about members links with the church (see Church Meeting report) is relevant to Radical Welcome.

Harking back to my little quote from Paul Tillich in the January Church News, many of us, I would guess, were told what we ought to believe before we had discussed with older and wiser souls the sort of deep questions that initiated the need to believe something. I know that as I came up to Confirmation, as an Anglican choirboy of 13 or so, I was told what I had to believe to be part of that church and, I assumed, the choir. I enjoyed singing and so I said that I agreed with all that I was expected to agree

with, and made a declaration to that effect before the Bishop of Derby. My faith journey since then has been a process of trying to understand and in part reject what I assented to as a teenager. The poet TS Eliot said that to know we must go by the way of ignorance - the way of not knowing, of rejecting what we thought we knew - and I have certainly been down that road, and I continue the journey in that way.

Not only should we, for Radical Welcome purposes, be able to say *why* we are KURC members of the Christian faith, we should have a good idea what questions prompted us turn to religion in the first place, and how our present answers fit those original questions. One thing is certain, we are all from unique backgrounds and have all taken different 'routes' to where we are now. How was your journey?

To me, three of the most immediate challenges of Radical Welcome for our church are, firstly, that of presenting our community as a Christian Church while at the same time generating an attractive warm welcome to *all* people - and I take that to mean people from all faiths and none. Currently, I am sure, many people walk past our church thinking, for a myriad of reasons, "That's a Christian church and *therefore* it is not for me." Some people have very stereotyped - and we would say inaccurate - opinions of what "church" is all about. Dispelling those inaccurate stereotypes could require a radical step indeed.

Secondly, we should consider how our tea and coffee service fits in with a policy of Radical Welcome. How do you welcome people into your house? Those two points alone could give Elders and Church Meeting a bit of a headache before Radical Welcome can even get off the ground.

Then there is the interesting third challenge of how we define our community. Is it just a community of Church Members, or do we include those regular visitors who are not on our list of Members? We already have 'regulars' who are not Church Members, but who help us with various tasks. Some of them might not even consider themselves as committed Christians - I don't know because I haven't asked. Should we/can we involve such people in our Church Meeting to help decide how our *and their* community should develop?

2012 could be a very interesting year!

Tony Wenman



From the January Church Meeting

I hope that I picked up most of the main points from the January Church Meeting. However, as one with impaired hearing, I have to say that the resonant sanctuary is probably the worst place on our premises in which to hold a meeting at which several different people speak, some more and some less slowly and clearly. The use of microphones does not compensate for indistinct speech and the wonderful echo that we musicians love so much only makes the need for clear speech more urgent. Why is it that speech is perfectly clear in St Paul's Cathedral or the chapel of King's College Cambridge - one of the most resonant churches in the country - and not always clear in our church? The reason is that speakers in those places speak with deliberate consideration for those with hearing impairment.

The main points from the meeting include:-

- 2012 is KURCs 350th Anniversary. A book is to be compiled of press cuttings and thoughts from individuals' about their associations with the church.
- Ann MacFarlane is concerned that the new Routemaster busses cannot accommodate wheelchair users. If you are prepared to be a co-signatory with her to a letter of objection to the new busses, please contact Ann.
- Elders are minded that KURC should donate £1,000 towards the £7 million appeal for funding launched by Westminster College, Cambridge, to help it to continue training URC Ministers.
- The meeting heard with sadness of the deaths of Frank Percy and Margaret Baird. Better news was that Stella Taylor is recovering from pneumonia.
- The Night Shelter will run at KURC from late January into February.
- Ideas for the refurbishment of the kitchen were explained. The fund for the work has reached £28K and we need another £7K very soon if we are to start the work in 2012. The idea of a Gift Day for the Kitchen Fund was agreed and the suggestion was made that people could fill pint milk-bottles with bronze coins to contribute to the collection. *[Lots of people don't have milk-bottles these days, and supermarket milk cartons only take very small value coins! Ed.]*
- A Health and Safety policy for the premises is in preparation.
- Lesley made a plea for members to go out of their way to welcome newcomers, particularly on Sundays, rather than use the opportunity to do church administration tasks like giving out copies of minutes to

fellow members. She also reported that Phil and Christine Thompson and Rev Kevin and Helen Jones are to be received into membership.

.... and from Elders' Meetings in December and January, Vaughan reported:-

- It was decided not to apply for further Turn of the Tide funding for Youth Work this year since the amount of money available centrally was drastically reduced and other churches had more pressing need of funding than we have.
- 27 people had volunteered to help with the Child Contact Centre, more than half of them from outside KURC. A launch is being planned for March/April 2012.
- Work on the refurbishment of the Vestibule should begin in April 2012.

Tony Wenman

KURC's 350th Anniversary

To mark this significant landmark in the life of our church, it has been suggested that we compile a book of members' and past members' thoughts about KURC. We are looking for people's views/experiences of KURC what it means to them, what their relationship is with KURC and how it has developed over the time. This can be one page, one paragraph, one sentence, even a haiku (for those not into poetry, a haiku is a Japanese form of poetry that contains just 17 syllables and usually only three or four lines).

Please send your contributions, preferably by e-mail, or typed, but *send contributions* please by whatever means you can, to me, Tony Wenman (tony.wenman@btinternet.com), as soon as you can. If you know of past members who may have contributions to make, please pass on the invitation to them and ask them to contact me.

Tony Wenman

Christmas Day Lunch at Kingston URC



Forty people sat down to a delicious lunch in the Mayo Hall on Christmas Day. Running up to the day we thought we could be as many as 55 and so we had plenty of food for everyone and were able to take the left-overs to St Peter's who were hosting the Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness Night Shelter over Christmas.

Six turkey crowns were generously donated by Waitrose. This helped significantly with the cost of putting on the event. Many other generous donations of funding were received - thankyou's are on the way but you know who you are - thanks.



We had a fantastic number of helpers - particular mention must go to Paul Pickhaver and his daughters and Sharon Mehta and her daughters who took over total control of the kitchen, Jenny Milner and Chris Bunjay who wrapped all the presents and Betty Cuthbertson and Tracey Milner were able to provide expertise from helping in previous years. This left the Robinsons free to concentrate on front of house and serve coffee after the morning service. Other helpers including Polly, James, David and Vic got the tables set in record time, which left time for some games - Jenga

was particularly noisy!

There was one near-disaster on the pudding front as savoury white sauce had been bought instead of sweet white brandy sauce due to a break-down of communication between Bron and the shopper-in-chief Nick - oops! This was quickly resolved by raiding the Food Bank in the cellar for tins of custard. Luckily the cooks tasted it first (and the picture of a fish on the front of the packet was a bit of a give-away).

Later on in the afternoon as we were packing up, three people came in to pray in the sanctuary. We were able to offer them a welcome and a mince pie each.

Bron Robinson

[Huge thanks are due to all those people who helped with the Christmas Lunch, and particularly to Bron and Nick for organising it. Ed]



Flowers for February

5 The Carnegie family

12 Margaret Randall

19 Cora Young

28 Jean Thompson



Thank you Madge

Madge Cole has organised the Flower Rota for so long she can't remember how long! She thinks it is 10 or 12 years. That's a long time in any language. Of course it is not just the weekly Flower Rota and arranging of flowers for people who can't, or feel they can't, arrange their own, it is all the special decorating of the church for festivals (eg Harvest, Easter and Christmas) which Madge has overseen. All those "special" decorations have to be taken down again, and large quantities of dead flowers, holly and Christmas tree have to be disposed of. All this Madge has done efficiently and unobtrusively over the years, and many of us have taken her work for granted. She now feels that she would like to hand this considerable job over to someone else, so Steve Wenman and Janine Goddard have agreed to take on the task between them. Thank you very much, Madge, for that long piece of valuable service to KURC.

Ed.

New Year Walk on Wimbledon Common

What a glorious and sunny morning it was on 2nd January! A small group of 10 people led by Georgina Forbes gathered at the end of Grasmere Avenue near the bridge over the A3, all very determined to shed the memories of Christmas puddings, cakes, chocolates and other festive food indulgences.

We walked through the grassy and wet lanes, and overgrown forest on Wimbledon Common trying to find the Caesar's Camp. As we were told by some more knowledgeable in history people amongst us, it was just a name and our ancestors probably did not have the privilege to see the great Caesar at that spot.

Our boots and trainers got muddy and someone's shoes were at the disintegration point when we reached Windmill Museum where there were a great lot of children and adults in the long queue at the cafe. To our delight this cafe served not only hot drinks and cakes but all kind of hot food as well.

After we had our 'cuppa' (...and more than that for some of us!) we headed back sharing on our way jokes, stories and memories. Some of us finished the walk by lunch in a pub and others headed back home to join whatever was left from their family festive activities.

We thoroughly enjoyed it (just look at our smiling faces in the picture!) and thank you Georgina for organising it!

Natasha Reid



Abroad thoughts from Home

“He still believes he’s thirty!” This aside was uttered by my wife in response to a question as to why I, a fully paid up member of the Freedom Pass club, should choose to spend a holiday backpacking with my son in the blistering heat of the French Pyrenees. France, the country that gave us Debussy, Monet, four hundred plus cheeses and the wines of Bordeaux has a vast array of pleasures on offer that do not involve taking serious liberties with the body’s major working parts so why opt for a life of suffering in a land where painless pleasures abound? I take a certain delight in pointing out that some things are beyond human understanding and my taste in holidays may just be one of them.

In truth, craggy peaks, mountain streams and the scent of pine and wildflowers have always appealed to me and nowhere that I know offers these in such abundance and variety as do the Pyrenees and all without the unwelcome company of midges. In common with all mountain regions, the



*No, that’s not Finlay,
but it is a route up the
Col d’Ilhou*

Pyrenees offers its best scenery to the footslogger who is prepared to leave the comfort of the tarmac and take to the steep and rugged pathways (which are not always as easy to tread as rejoicingly as a certain hymn writer implies). It was on these pathways that I first learnt the art of using Leki poles, those wonderful paired-off high-tech walking sticks that return humans to the state of quadrupeds but by doing so take a lot of the strain out of the upward and the downward slopes.

Mountain walking, even when it does not culminate in planting flags on remote summits, requires a goodly quantity of uphill trudging (a new word - you read it here first!) of a kind that leads the heart and lungs to enter discussions with their owner on the subject of pushing several decades of a reasonable if rather one-sided working relationship to something approaching breaking point. To be fair, these vital organs

cannot see the weirdly shaped peaks, roaring mountain torrents and exquisitely shaped and coloured tiny wildflowers that abound in the region. They cannot even see the lean elegant long-faced sheep that graze freely if a little proprietorially on the western ranges and are milked for the world famous Ossau-Iraty cheese.

Taking the relentless uphill trek from the comfort and civilisation of Cauterets at 913 Metres (2,995 Feet) to the bleak snowy wastes of the Col d'Ilhou at 2,242 Metres (7,356 Feet) is worth all the strain and effort both for the scenery en route and the splendid view from the summit. That said, the deep emotional impact made by a view from such exalted grandeur will always be tempered to a degree by the prospect of a precipitous descent that will doubtless involve the odd undignified tumble (*aka* 'bum slide'), a fair bit of knee strain and the sacrifice of a couple of toenails.



Pyrenean snowy wastes

Not all walks in the Pyrenees involve such physical effort. Vast numbers of pilgrims en route to Compostela pass through the charming and remarkably unspoilt town of Saint Jean Pied de Port before crossing into Spain on the somewhat prosaically titled GR65 (All major walking routes in France are numbered even if they are not always all that easy to find! Distribution of way markers can sometimes betray traces of Gallic whimsicality). The gradients on this route, like most of those in the Western Pyrenees are gentler than those in the centre of the range but the scenery is equally beautiful if not quite as majestically awe inspiring.

Any attachment to an area however beautiful must be influenced to some degree by the people who live in it. The citizens of the Pyrenees are particularly welcoming and friendly - or at least they were before David Cameron's veto. I have fond memories of the owner of the excellent Lion d'Or hotel in Cauterets who spoke very little English but remembered us from last year, the charming couple from the spacious comfortable guest house in Marsous who treated us almost as family and the restaurant owner in St Jean Pied de Port who introduced us to the delights of garbure (the Basque equivalent of Scotch broth) and chipérons (squid) and who deliberately left one item off the bill every time we returned to her establishment to eat.

Perhaps the strongest endorsement that I can give is an admission that I am already planning my next visit there regardless of how old my wife thinks I think I am. (That sentence is so grotesquely right that I refuse to recast it).

Dear Pyreneans, you have been warned - I will be back.

Finlay Forbes

Premier Christian Radio

I'm sure you will all have heard me mention Premier Christian Radio – perhaps many times over many years. They have been broadcasting now for 16 or so years and expanded from the original “within the M25” area to nationwide and overseas, largely with the advent of digital radio

For the last eight or so years I have been a Radio Activist which means that I am encouraged to tell others of the joys and fun of this radio station. As I only know of one person in our Church who listens in I feel I have been making a rotten job of it. So this month in Church News you have a schedule of the programmes on during the week so you can see what you are missing (only you won't really know until you give it a try). There is enormous variety and personally I just select the programmes I know I will enjoy or will inspire me.

At breakfast time we have *Inspirational Breakfast* with John Pantry and two of last week's guests talking about their lives were Les Isaacs of Street Pastors and Daniel O'Donnell. Every day is different of course. For anyone free in the morning or home alone I can recommend *Telling the Truth* with Stuart and Jill Briscoe and if you like worship music tune in at noon for Rick Easter. I believe Lesley enjoys listening to Joyce Meyer, a very strong personality who sweeps away all cobwebs in a good tempered way.

If you like debate, try *Unbelievable* with Justin Brierley on Saturday afternoons which is a programme with one Christian and one non-believer who might be an atheist or member of any other religion or sect but which is always good-tempered and fair.

I think that's enough but do let me know your opinions if you do tune in to any one of the many programmes.

If you do not find a schedule in your Church News because we have run out you will find Premier booklets in the foyer on one of the shelves.

Rosemary Moore

Brenda's Cumbrian Joke

A Minister told her congregation one Sunday that every blade of grass was a sermon. Next day, while the Minister was watching her husband mowing the front lawn, a passing church member said, “That's right Minister. Cut your sermons short.”

[You'll be pleased to know the Cumbrian Joker is still giggling. Ed]!

Westminster College, Cambridge Appeal



The college was built in Cambridge in 1890 and it has served and is owned by the United Reformed Church since then. Its key task is preparing men and women for Ministry in the church. This is an important part of the URC.

As you might imagine, after more than a century, the building needs updating to make it available to all. A new Resource Centre, an improved library and other changes are being considered to make it more like a conference centre, retreat and college all in one.

To make the changes an appeal has been launched to raise some £7 million and so far over £4 million has been raised. The Elders feel this is a very worthwhile cause and that we at Kingston URC should make a substantial contribution - £1000,00 has been suggested - and the Finance group are considering it.

Our previous Minister, Rev Roy Lowes, attended the College and he is supporting the Appeal.

You may wish to make a personal contribution. Lots more information may be found on the College web site <<http://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/appeal/>>

David Richards

Two Exhibitions January 2012

I visited two exhibitions in the run up to Christmas; one at the British Museum and one at the British Library. They are two very different exhibitions and are likely to appeal to different tastes.

The first was the Grayson Perry exhibition called 'The Tomb of the Unknown Craftsman'. This is at the British Museum and runs until 19 February, 2012. Grayson Perry is a modern artist and he works in a variety of media. He juxtaposes two or three items by unknown artists from around the world and from a wide range of dates, with something inspired by them but created by himself. He also sometimes makes wry comments on modern life. His final 'Piece de Resistance' is a boat carrying a flint and an assortment of bottles and religious paraphernalia. His objective is to create, 'A memorial to all the anonymous craftsmen that over the centuries have fashioned the manmade wonders of the world, many of which are on display in the museum'.

The exhibition takes about an hour to peruse and provides some interesting perspectives.

The second exhibition is 'Royal Manuscripts: The Genius of Illumination' at the British Library until 13 March 2012. The first section comprises some of the illuminated manuscripts collected by Edward IV. Some were clearly made for him and his wife Elizabeth Woodville and demonstrate their interest in history. We then move to Christian texts, mainly in Latin, but a few in French. The next two sections display genealogies/ ceremonial followed by texts used to train princes. Further on we move to 'The Worlds Knowledge' and find one of the first etymologicons, a precursor to the modern encyclopaedia. It belonged to a Princess Isabella.

I found the exhibition fascinating. I spent about an hour and a half there and hope to return. It certainly challenged some of my preconceptions about medieval courts.

Georgina Forbes.



READINGS for FEBRUARY 2012

FACES OF THE DIVINE

Inviting host: *Text for the week: Philippians 4:7*

Wednesday 1 February	Psalm 23
Thursday 2 February	Matthew 14:13-21
Friday 3 February	Philippians 4:1-7
Saturday 4 February	2 Corinthians 3:1-6

READINGS IN MARK (1)

Jesus: teacher and healer 1: *Text for the week: Mark 1:35*

Sunday 5 February	Mark 1:29-39
Monday 6 February	Mark 4:1-20
Tuesday 7 February	Mark 4:21-25
Wednesday 8 February	Mark 4:26-32
Thursday 9 February	Mark 5:1-20
Friday 10 February	Mark 5:21-34
Saturday 11 February	Mark 5:35-42

Jesus: teacher and healer 2: *Text for the week-and-a-bit: Mark 7:20*

Sunday 12 February	Mark 1:40-45
Monday 13 February	Mark 7:1-8
Tuesday 14 February	Mark 7:9-13
Wednesday 15 February	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday 16 February	Mark 7:24-30
Friday 17 February	Mark 8:22-26
Saturday 18 February	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday 19 February	Mark 9:2-9
Monday 20 February	Mark 9:30-37
Tuesday 21 February	Mark 10:32-34

TREES

Trees in the Old Testament 1: *Text for the week: Leviticus 27:30*

Wednesday 22 February	Genesis 1:26-31
Thursday 23 February	Genesis 18:1-8
Friday 24 February	Leviticus 27:30-33
Saturday 25 February	Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Trees in the Old Testament 2: *Text for the week: Psalm 92:12*

Sunday 26 February	Deuteronomy 20:19-20
Monday 27 February	Deuteronomy 24:19-22
Tuesday 28 February	Judges 9:8-15
Wednesday 29 February	1 Kings 19:1-8
Thursday 1 March	Psalm 1:1-6
Friday 2 March	Psalm 92:12-15
Saturday 3 March	Psalm 104:10-18

Regular Weekly Activities

Monday:

- 10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
- 19.45 Monday Church

Tuesday:

- 10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
- 19.30 Faith Advancement

Wednesday:

- 10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
- 10.45 The Wednesday Forum (first Wednesday monthly except August)
- 13.10 Lunchtime Service
- 19.30 Line Dancing

Thursday:

- 20.00 International Friendship Café

Friday:

- 14.00 Not Strictly Dancing (Ballroom & Latin American Dancing)
- 16.30 Pilots - for children and young people from 5-14 years (during school terms)
- 22.00 All night prayers and Street Pastors (until 04.00)

Saturday:

- 11.30 Faith Advancement
- 14.30 Not Strictly Dancing (Ballroom & Latin American Dancing with Jeff Clark)
- 22.00 Street Pastors (until 04.00)

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A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine to come and share in our services and activities

Our Sunday Services:

10.00 – Traditional Worship

(with communion first Sunday monthly)

11.30 – Interactive Worship

(with communion on the last Sunday monthly)

18.30 – Reflective Worship

(with communion on the third Sunday monthly)

On the **second Sunday** of each month a **combined service at 11.00** replaces the 10.00 and 11.30 services

Tea and coffee are served between the 10.00 and 11.30 services, before the 11.00 service on the second Sunday and after the 18.30 service

During the 10.00 service there are **group activities for children** of all ages. Children go to their groups at the end of the second hymn. Visiting children are welcome to join them

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The Sanctuary is open daily from 11.30 to 13.30 for private prayer

Coffee and Tea:

Our foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from 11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea.

Need to talk to someone about a problem or concern?

There is sometimes a designated listener available in the Foyer; if not, please speak to the coffee server or contact the Minister

