

Just to keep in...

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Worship in June

5 th June 10.45 am	Rev Andrew Mudharara (<i>Pentecost</i>)
12 th June 10.45 am	Mrs Barbara Haighton
19 th June 10.45 am	Rev Andrew Mudharara (<i>including Holy Communion</i>)
26 th June 10.45 am	Mr Nigel Roberts
3 rd July 10.45 am	Rev Andrew Mudharara

*Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing;
Breathe into the music of the praise we bring.*

Audio recordings of the services will be available on the church website by each Sunday evening. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like to listen to the service, we can relay the service 'live' to you by telephone. Please contact your Elder if you wish to take up this option.

From our Minister

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us all, all the times of our lives.

We praise the Lord for the great opportunity to visit our families. It was a great time for Evelyn Tavonga to meet both Candid's and my families for the first time. Both families were grateful for the opportunity to meet and interact with Tavonga and us too. We are grateful for the prayers and thoughts that took us through the trip.

We have been and are being called by God to ministry as Priests, to minister to God first and then to His people. The Priesthood of all believers is foundational to United Reformed Church. We are called to be on duty all the time ministering to the Lord in praise, thanksgiving, adoration, worship and conversations with the Lord 24/7. Our calling to minister to God is fulltime and each and every one of us should self-encourage and encourage others not to ignore their priestly duties to the Lord. We have a responsibility to keep the lamp burning in the Holy place as we minister to God. We should always seek to offer incense to the Lord all the times as a priesthood called by God to minister in His presence.

Our role also as a priesthood is to announce the year of "Jubilee" to the world around us. We are celebrating 50 years of witness as United Reformed Church. We are called to proclaim the favour of God to our communities. We have a job to blow the trumpets and proclaim the favour of God to all creation. We are called to make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Telling and showing creation the Love of God is part of our responsibilities as a priesthood. We are called to proclaim liberty and favour to all creation. We should not neglect our duty to pray for each other as a family of priests and remembering to pray for others outside our household of priests.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, your families, friends and communities.

Andrew

News of the Family

Please remember our family and friends in your prayers.

We pray for the family of Brenda Owen who passed away on 25th May. We give thanks for her life and her service to this church.

We pray for Rob's dad who has recently had a biopsy. We pray for Candid who is struggling with an infected foot following her trip to Zimbabwe. We give thanks that Tavonga is fully recovered for her illness and trip to A & E.

We are thankful that Dennis is now home after spending some time in hospital with an infection. We pray for Lily S who spends most of her time in bed to avoid falls.

We continue to remember and pray for all those who have recently lost love ones, including Sue D whose brother died in May.

Please contact me if you or someone you know is in need of prayer and would like to go on the prayer list, respecting their privacy and seeking permission first. Contact me by email or telephone 01455 446509.

Sue Saunders

Revd David Morris

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Revd David Morris on Saturday 30 April, aged 83. David served at Humberstone Road, Leicester (1965-79), as Director for the Community of Grace Mission Project (1995-2019) and at Wycliffe, Leicester (2002-2019). Please hold in your prayers David's loved ones and all who knew him through his work with homeless people through the Community of Grace.

David led a number of services here at Hinckley URC and our church used to send harvest produce to the Community of Grace in Leicester at one time

Funeral arrangements will be confirmed later, anyone who would like to know the details of the arrangements please contact Hannah Holmes on [<trainingpa@urc5.org.uk>](mailto:trainingpa@urc5.org.uk)

Congratulations

In May, the Congregational Federation held their National Assembly at Carrs Lane Church, Birmingham. The event also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Federation and our very own George Lea was presented with a certificate marking his 26 years of ministerial service.



Thank You

Many thanks for all the cards, flowers and phone calls I received following Tony's death. A special thank you to all of you who supported Tony and myself throughout his illness. Your visits and phone calls meant more than you can ever know.

It is so good to know that the church family is there when you need them.
Carole

Love is not something you do; love is someone you are... It's not something you can buy. It's not something you can attain. It is the presence of God within you, called the Holy Spirit—or what some theologians name uncreated grace.

— Richard Rohr, The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays this month:

Ewan (on the 1st), Steve Ward's mum, Kath (8th), Mary S & Megan (both on the 10th), Karen & Dennis (both 15th), Crawford & Sally (both 22nd) Joyce and Trevor (both 28th), and Joan Loydall 29th June.

Malcolm & Wendy (on the 8th) and Yuri & Zoya (11th).

And the following couples have their wedding anniversaries in June:
Malcolm & Wendy (on the 8th) and Yuri & Zoya (11th).

Apologies to anyone we may have missed. Thanks to Kathy for maintaining these records. If we haven't got your information, please have a word with Kathy.

Jubilee Lunch

There will be a "Bring your own Picnic" lunch after church on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee (and Pentecost!). If the weather is fair, some may wish to sit in the church garden. We thank Rob for his hard work in maintaining the garden.



Church Ramble

A very enjoyable walk on a warm spring afternoon at Kingsbury Water Park was enjoyed by eight people in May. It is great to be out and about and to enjoy the fellowship.

The June walk will be held either on Wednesday 15th at 10am or on Thursday 16th at 2pm. Please let me know your availability as soon as possible so that we can choose the most suitable date. The venue is yet to be decided - suggestions always welcome.

Tony

Wednesday at One

1 st Jun	Rev John Hall	Higham Way Baptist Church
8 th Jun	Mr David Crick	Hinckley URC
5 th Jun	Rev Dawn Matthew	St John's Church, Hinckley
22 nd Jun	Mr Karl Woodward	Hinckley Baptist Church
29 th Jun	Rev John Berry	Beacon Church St Francis Centre

Tuesday Lunch Event: Tuesday 14th June 2022

Following the success of fish and chips in May we have pleasure in bringing to you Salad in June. Please note that June's lunch event will be on Tuesday 14th June and it will be quiche, salad and new potatoes. If you would like to attend, please let me know.

Sue S:

URC parking – Polite notice

There have been some parking issues in the church parking area – resulting in the fire exit being blocked and access to The Vine restricted, especially for mobility scooters or prams/pushchairs etc. It also takes people away from their jobs to sort the car park out when people have been blocked in, thus creating safeguarding issues.

The car park is for The Vine staff, for the dance school staff (who have been allocated a pass) and members of the church who have been allocated car park passes.

The Vine has a spare pass which can be made available on the day, but it is important that if you need to use the car park for a particular reason you should contact Christine or Tony Thomas so that they can communicate with other users.

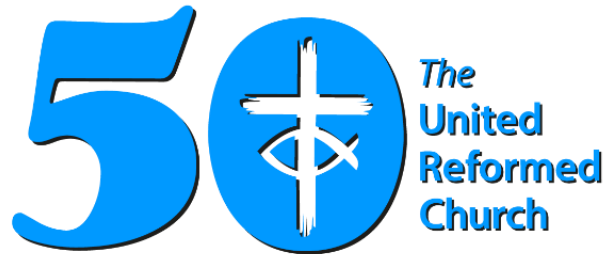
Thank you for your co-operation.

Andrew & the Elders

Rotas for June *If you can help on the Door Steward rota, please see David Crick; if you can help on the Coffee rota, please see Ann Martin. If you are unable to fulfil your duty, please arrange a swap.*

	<i>Duty Elder</i>	<i>Door Steward</i>
<i>Sunday 5th June</i>	Roger Moseley	Sally Leggat Ann Martin
<i>Sunday 12th June</i>	Sue Saunders	Paul Deeming Julie Payne
<i>Sunday 19th June</i>	Karen Jones	Sue Saunders
<i>Sunday 26th June</i>	David Crick	Sue Thain Kathy Smith
<i>Sunday 3rd July</i>	Christine Thomas	Sally Leggat Ann Martin

	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Cashing</i>
<i>Sunday 5th June</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	Sally Leggat Malcom Hooke
<i>Sunday 12th June</i>	Sue Thain Karen Jones	Sally Leggat David Crick
<i>Sunday 19th June</i>	Marilyn & Crawford Payne	Sally Leggat Christine Thomas
<i>Sunday 26th June</i>	Sylvia Ellis Chris Sharrock	Sally Leggat Tony Thomas
<i>Sunday 3rd July</i>	Carole Wallis Ruth Griffiths	Sally Leggat Malcom Hooke



Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972

You are warmly invited to

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration

**of the United Reformed Church's
50th Anniversary**

**Saturday 1 October, 2022
3pm-5pm**

**Methodist Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate,
London SW1H 9NH, where the Uniting Assembly and
first General Assembly took place**

You are also invited to an Open Church House event on
the same day: 10am-1pm at United Reformed Church
House, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT

Book your free tickets: www.bit.ly/urc50

50th Anniversary website: www.urc.org.uk/50

*Prayer for Central America: Nicaragua, Guatemala,
El Salvador, and Honduras*

Gracious God, we pray for a prosperous life for all people in Central American countries. Creator of life, your people suffer due to poverty, inequality, environmental destruction, drug trafficking, corruption, natural disasters, and gang power. Due to the challenging situation, the people of that region face a migration crisis as well. Many look for help even for their basic needs: food, water, and shelter. The Covid pandemic has multiplied their pain and anguish.

Creator of the world, your children look to you. You are their hope and strength, and they believe in you as you walk with them in all their sufferings. And they know you love them. Give them strength to seek an end to their miseries.

We are thankful for all those individuals, organisations and churches that have been helping your people towards a sustained life. Please, God, bless them abundantly.

We pray that the people should live in peace with their families and communities without the threats which they face now. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our saviour.

Amen

Aftab Alexander Mughal (Westbury Gardens URC, Blackburn)

On Saturday 21st May, our choir, along with some friends from local churches, joined a massed choir for a Festival of Church Music at Lichfield Cathedral organised by Free Church Choirs. It was an inspiring occasion and while the numbers in the choir were a little down on previous festivals, there was a large congregation with the cathedral nave nearly full. It was good to see a few familiar faces in the congregation from our own church. Through anthems, hymns, prayers, readings, and a reflection, we explored the theme of Unity: Unity of People, Unity through the Holy Spirit and the Unity of the Trinity. The officiating minister was our good friend, Rev Dr Janet Wootton. The next festival is Saturday October 14th 2023 at St Albans – keep the date free!

News from the Vine

In June we expect to receive the new discounted books for children known as Kids Corner. This will be the summer selection and usually includes activity books for keeping children entertained during the summer holidays and books suitable for prize giving's as well lots of other new titles in Christian children's books.

Saturday 18th is the beginning of Independent Bookshop Week - a celebration of bricks and mortar bookshops. During the week we will be giving away a free voucher for a £5.00 book token with every book purchased. These vouchers have a code that means you can use them online to get a free National Book eToken, which you can then spend at The Vine, or in any other participating bookshop. Independent bookshops are struggling since the pandemic so supporting them is a great thing to do to help them remain on our high streets for years to come.

Just a reminder that we are closed for the Queen's Jubilee on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June. Thank you for your support.

God Bless, *Jessica Harrison* Manager

Hinckley Homeless Group A G M – Thursday 07th July 2022

The Hinckley Homeless Group Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 07th July 2022 at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start at The New Plough Inn 24 Leicester Road Hinckley LE10 1LS.

They will be reporting on the work that they have done during the past year (ending 31st March 2022) and on their financial accounts for this period.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please either email lisa@hinckleyhomeless.com, call 01455 890688 or write to

Hinckley Homeless Group, Lawrence House,
Wood Street, Hinckley, Leics LE10 1JQ

Recalling the Ministry for April - May 2022

(As largely seen on the Church Web Site as THE WEDNESDAY WORD)

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In reflection on the message for Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

Extracts from Hebrews 4, v 11-16 *Jesus the Great High Priest.*

v11: Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

v12: For the word of God is alive and active.

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

v13: Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

v14: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly in the faith we profess.

v15: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.

v16: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Sermon: **We have a high priest (What makes us Church Part 5)** Part 4 noted that because the temple curtain was torn in two at Jesus death, we have access to Jesus, the Great High Priest. Thus, because Jesus had lived with us on earth, yet did not sin, Jesus can empathize with our weaknesses, and died as a sacrifice for our sins, even for us Gentiles. And, for our belief in him, as righteous children of God, Jesus remembers us and so we will be raised to eternal life with him.

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In reflection on the message for Sunday 24th April 2022

Extracts from John's Gospel, 21, v 15-19 *Jesus Reinstates Peter*
To put the reading into context, note v14: This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

v15: When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

v16: Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

v17: The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him a third time.

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

*v18: Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed
yourself*

*and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your
hands,*

and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

*v19: Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify
God.*

Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

The Address, entitled **People**, considered the many **people** Jesus met during the days during Holy Week. Jesus knew what was going to happen to him. Jesus knew (Matthew, Ch. 26) the chief priests had a plot to kill him, including the betrayal by Judas Iscariot and Peter's triple denial "before the rooster crows" said Jesus "after I have risen." God is in charge, always: Jesus would die on the cross as a sacrifice for our (the **people's**) sins and would rise from the dead with the promise of everlasting life for his **people**.

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In reflection on the message from Sunday 1st May 2022,

During the service, a poem by Doreen Harrison. "A bouquet of blessings" was read and the bible story in Judges Ch.12, v5-6, was used to introduce the theme of the message which was how important **Words** are, as in the Bible Reading which was extracts from John 1, 1-18, **The Word Became Flesh**.

*v1f: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

*v3f: Through him all things were made. In him was life,
and that life was the light of all mankind.*

v5: The light shines in the darkness.

v6f: There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

*He came as a witness to testify concerning that light,
so that through him all might believe.*

v8: He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

v9: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

*v10: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.*

*v12: To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to be called children of God—*

v13: children born not of natural descent... but born of God.

v14: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,

who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

v18: No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Talk: The Power of the Word – Light.

The reading is about the coming of Jesus “The **light** that shines in the darkness.” **Jesus is the Light of the World**, so in becoming a Christian one moves out of the darkness and into the **light** and **love** of Jesus.

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In reflection on the message from Sunday 8th May 2022,

Extracts from a Bible Reading from Mark’s Gospel, 5, 21-43,
Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Women

v21f: When Jesus crossed to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered. Then one of the synagogue leaders, Jairus, fell at his feet and pleaded, “My daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.”

v25f: A woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years... came up behind him and touched his cloak.

v29f: Immediately her bleeding stopped...At once, Jesus realized that the power had gone from him, and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” Jesus looked around to see,

v33f: The woman, knowing what had happened, came and fell at his feet, trembling. Jesus said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

v35f: People came from Jairus’ house. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher.” Overhearing, Jesus said, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” Jesus entered the house and said, “The child is not dead but asleep.”

v41f: Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (meaning “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). Immediately, the girl stood up and began to walk around.

At this all were completely astonished. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon: **Compassion** (suffer with). Jesus showed compassion for Jairus and the sick woman. We show compassion for refugees and the needy. Christian Aid Week is a time for us to show compassion. Like the power ‘gone from Jesus’ in the scripture, our donations are the power which helps the needy, helping to bring God’s justice, helping the richer to help the poorer.

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In reflection on the message from Sunday 15th May 2022,

Extracts from a Bible Readings from Luke's Gospel, 24, 13-27 & 28-35
On the Road to Emmaus

v13f: *Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.*

Jesus came up to them, but they were kept from recognising him.

v17f: *He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"*

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, Cleopas, asked him,

"Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

v19f: *"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.*

They explained how the chief priests and the rulers handed over a prophet to be sentenced to death and they crucified him three days ago.

They explained they had hoped that he would have redeemed Israel.

v22f: *Our women amazed us. They went to the tomb,*

but did not find the body and saw angels who said he was alive.

v24: *Others went to the tomb and found it just as the women said.*

They did not see Jesus.

v25: *So Jesus said to the two men, "How foolish you are and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!*

Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things then enter his glory?"

v27: *He explained all what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.*

v28f: *As they approached the village...they urged him strongly, "Stay with us for it is nearly evening." So he went in.*

v30f: *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.*

v32: *"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?"*

v33f: *They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven*

and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true!

The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

v35: *Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.*

Sermon: **The Resurrection Miracle.** The sermon revisited the scripture story where Jesus joins the two men walking to Emmaus and pointed out how slow they were to believe all the prophecies concerning himself. In the village, the breaking of the bread revealed the truth that the two had met Christ, who had risen. This was confirmed in Jerusalem later.

Thereafter, we received the bread in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Brian Beagley

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th June 'Bring your own lunch' after the morning service

Regular Meetings

Every **Monday** Chat and Prayer session on Zoom - log in after 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start and ending about 8.00pm

Tuesday Weekly Bible Study Group – see Richard Benham for details

Wednesday-at-One – Wednesday 1.00pm

Wednesday Monthly House Group

Next meeting Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm (Karen's garden)

Thursday – Prayer meeting for future of the church 11.00 Front Foyer

Friday prayer group 10.00am (in the church).

If you need any help using Zoom please contact Tony Thomas.

Please submit material for the July / August double edition of Contact by Sunday 19th June. Articles can be emailed. The next edition of Contact will be available on Sunday 26th June.

Thank you to everybody who has submitted articles this month.

*Come down, O Love divine
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, the holy flame bestowing.*

Bianco da Siena (translated by R F Littledale)