

Just to keep in...

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November 2022



We will remember them



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Worship in November (10.45 am)

6 th Nov	Rev Andrew Mudharara & Rev George Lea <i>(Thanksgiving & Memorial Service)</i>
13 th Nov	Rev Lesley Moseley <i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i>
20 th Nov	Rev Andrew Mudharara <i>(including Holy Communion)</i>
27 th Nov	Mr Malcolm Hooke <i>(First Sunday in Advent)</i>
4 th Dec	Rev Andrew Mudharara <i>(Toy Service & Parade)</i>

Memorial Service

On Sunday November 6th we will be remembering those who we have lost from our fellowship over the last 12 months and giving thanks for their lives and service to the church. Families of those who have died will be invited to come along and take part if they wish. The service will be led by Rev George Lea and Rev Andrew Mudharara.

Letter From our Minister

God is always is the business of doing new things in the lives of the people that are called according to God's purposes and plans in Jesus Christ our Lord. The challenge for many of us is seeing that, acknowledge and embracing it. We sometimes expect God to work among us as God has done before and have a tendency to think that the past was always better (Nostalgia) than today and end up missing what God is doing among us today.

Isaiah reminded God's people in captivity to know that God was still among them and was working in a new way and they should be careful not to miss that. Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things nor consider the things of old. 19 See, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not be aware of it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert".

In the past, God, through the prophet Isaiah warns His chosen people, the nation of Israel, that He was going to punish them for their unfaithfulness towards Him. He will cause them to be defeated and taken captive by their enemies, and they will be exiles in a foreign land away from home for many years. In this text, God is again speaking to His people concerning a new thing that He is going to do for them. In other words, things will change in the future. No, they will no longer be the same because God is including them in His future plans.

Today, God is sending forth a promise of hope that can only be received when we choose to let go of the past, reach forward and receive that which He has now has in store for us. Just like the children of Israel, we too have a choice. We could meditate on our past, or we could gaze our focus upon what God has promised, and desire to do in and through our lives now and in the future.

How will we respond to God's promise concerning our future? Will we believe by faith and cooperate with Him?

Let go and forget the past in order to receive the promise! Is this where you are mentally and spiritually today?

God bless.

Andrew

News of the Family

We continue to pray for Sue T and all her family.

We also pray for Pat J who is now in Coalville Stroke Centre.

Norrie is now back in Hinckley House following a fall but the home has Covid so no visitors allowed at the moment.

We continue to think of Sue D and Ruth and all those with ongoing health issues, those living in care homes or in need of extra support: Annette D, Betty H, Beryl (Julie's mum), Dennis, Ethel, Jan and Brian B, Joan, Joyce, Joyce and Arthur, Keith G, Keith H, Lily S, Nanette S, Nessa, Muriel, Paddy and Wendy and all of the church family who are receiving medical treatment or struggling with day to day living.

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

Goodbye

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Yabom who is retiring and moving back to Sierra Leone in November. On Sunday 13th November after their morning service we are all invited to share lunch together and say farewell to Yabom. Please bring your own sandwiches but some African food will also be provided.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all those who donated to my 900,000 steps in 3 months challenge for Alzheimer's. I can now say that I completely smashed it by doing a total of 1,369,023 steps.

Jacqueline Brown

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays in November:

Glenn C & Tom S (both on the 5th Nov), Penny (11th), Daphne H & Sue R (both on 14th), and Paul (16th).

Wedding Anniversaries:

Phillip & Janet (10th Nov); Laura & Mike (20th Nov)

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.

For your information

We have received the following letter from the Borough Council:

*A reminder that the road will be closed outside the church from Thurs 17th Nov 3.30pm until 6.00am on Sun 20th Nov for the annual Christmas Lights Switch on and Tin Hat Fair. The road will be open for the Sunday morning service. On Friday 18th Nov from 3pm council car parks will be free **but for that day only**. Thank you for your co-operation.*

Christmas Services

The Worship Team have finalised the services for the Christmas season. Our Carol Service will be on **Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm**. Please note, there will not be a morning service on that day, and there won't be a communion service on the 18th. There will be a Communion Service at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve and Family Worship at 10.00am on Christmas Day. Please support these services if you can and invite your friends and neighbours. We often get visitors attending our Christmas services so it would be good for them to experience a warm welcome and a vibrant congregation!

Church Ramble

The next walk will be on Thursday 17th November at 2.00pm – venue tba. Please see *Tony T* for details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE Church AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Church will be held on **Sunday 20th November** after the morning service. All are invited to attend. It has been suggested that you might want to bring your lunch as there will be a fair amount of AGM business to discuss.

News from the Vine

On November 12th the AlterNativity event will take place at St Peter's church and once again The Vine will be taking part with the virtual gift of a lunch for a person in need. The donations received through AlterNativity are used to produce vouchers, which are distributed to central churches in Hinckley to be given out at their discretion, through the year to people in need. They are then able to come into The Vine and have a hot plate of food and a drink at no cost to them. We are so grateful for the funding that we receive that enables this part of our ministry to continue so do please consider buying one of these gifts for your friends and family this Christmas.

On Friday 18th at the Christmas lights switch on, The Vine will have a small stall in the church, which will mostly be aimed at children, and will have low-cost items including books, gifts and advent calendars.

This year The Vine has become a hub for The Leprosy Mission. This means that we are taking special orders from their catalogues for customers. If you are a regular supporter of this charity and would like to order through us to save money on postage costs, then do get in touch. For those of you less familiar with them we have some items in stock and catalogues are available on our counter.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that we sell National Book Tokens, Vine gift vouchers and afternoon tea gift vouchers, which all make excellent gifts for those difficult to buy for people in your life! These can be purchased in any amount. Vine gift vouchers can be spent on anything in the shop.

We look forward to seeing you again soon

God Bless, *Jessica Harrison* Manager

Carol Singing

We have been asked if we could sing some carols at two local care homes: Saffron House Care Home, Barwell and Bethel & Bethesda Residential Home in Earl Shilton. We can only carry out this valuable outreach work if sufficient numbers from the church are able to support it. The dates are still to be agreed but if you can help, please speak to *David Crick*.



Toy Service Sunday 4th December

As last year we will be happy to receive donations of toys which will be given to the Salvation Army for them to distribute to needy families in the town. They would particularly like toys for the age group 10 and over (both boys and girls) as they often struggle to find gifts for these children (but any toys would be acceptable). Ideas for suitable gifts include girls' beauty gift sets, board games, stationery, boys' smellies etc.

Alternativity 2022

Well dear friends it has come round once again! On Saturday 12th November, we will be celebrating Alternativity at the The Mary Forryan Centre at the Catholic Church from 10am to 2pm. Do come and join us and enjoy a choice of refreshments as you make your donations.

This event gives everyone the opportunity to purchase gifts for Christmas for wonderful, worthwhile charities and organisations that deserve our support. So rather than buying something that maybe discarded or not used why not purchase friends and family a voucher for one of the organisations that will make excellent use of your generous contribution? In the next few days you will be given forms for your donation if you wish to give, and also details of the charities and organisations who will receive the money you donate. If attending the Saturday event is not convenient, please just give your donation to us, Carole or Kathy, and we will ensure it is given to the appropriate person at Alternativity!

Many thanks,
Carole and Kathy

Rotas for November *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 6th Nov</i>	Karen Jones	Kathy Smith Sue Thain
<i>Sunday 13th Nov</i>	Christine Thomas	Richard Benham Sue Saunders
<i>Sunday 20th Nov</i>	David Crick	Paul Deeming Julie Payne
<i>Sunday 27th Nov</i>	Roger Moseley	Sally Leggat Ann Martin
<i>Sunday 4th Dec</i>	Sue Saunders	Jacqui Brown Heather Crick

	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Cashing</i>
<i>Sunday 6th Nov</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	Sally Leggat Christine Thomas
<i>Sunday 13th Nov</i>	Marilyn & Crawford Payne	Sally Leggat Tony Thomas
<i>Sunday 20th Nov</i>	Sylvia Ellis Chris Sharrock	Sally Leggat David Crick
<i>Sunday 27th Nov</i>	Carole Wallis Ruth Griffiths	Sally Leggat Malcom Hooke
<i>Sunday 4th Dec</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	Sally Leggat Christine Thomas

	<i>Flowers in Church</i>	<i>Flower Delivery</i>
Sunday 6th Nov	-	-
Sunday 13th Nov	Christine Thomas	Christine Thomas
Sunday 20th Nov	-	-
Sunday 27th Nov	Chris Sharrock	Chris Sharrock
Sunday 4th Dec	-	-

Hope into Action update

The church Hope into Action Group have begun looking for houses within a 10-to-15-minute walk of church. These will be forwarded to Hope into Action who will then look at the houses and buy one if they think it suitable. All of the money for the house will come from them. We are hoping to have a house ready for tenants by January.



This will need to be furnished so if you are thinking of getting rid of furniture, crockery, cutlery etc please consider donating it to us.

If you have any queries, please speak to *Karen, Lesley, Richard, Malvolia or Carole*

Tuesday Lunch: Tuesday 15th November 2022

Please note that November's lunch is the 3rd Tuesday in November. This month will be homemade soup. The lunch is open to all. If you would like to come, please would you let me know, thank you.

Sue S:

Wednesday at One

2 nd Nov	Pastor Derek Marvin	Trinity Lane Christian Church
9 th Nov	Rev Daniel Cheyne	Hinckley URC
16 th Nov	Rev Ian Hill	St Mary's Church, Hinckley
23 rd Nov	Rev Andrew Mudharara	Hinckley URC
30 th Nov	Mrs Anne Hayward	Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley

Commitment for Life Prayer - November 2022

Robert Jordan

Commitment
for **Life**

Prayer for Global Economic Justice

God of abundant love, grace, life. We turn to you in anger and lament. The state of the world lacks so much; economic injustice steals life – human, environmental, even space. We know the richer get (much) richer, while the poor fall even more into poverty.

BUT it is not that there are poor nations – there are impoverished nations; or that there are poor people – they are impoverished people... because the global economic system is based on injustice and lies and stealing.

We turn to YOU – when you said “it is good” you meant it! Natural resources, sea resources, human creativity, and talents... there was so much there, and in living together this was multiplied and life was filled with laughter, dance, hope, empathy. Then sisters and brothers were enslaved, nature was poisoned, and wealth was worshiped as deity and accumulation became the norm: those who have *are*; those who don't have are *not*. Creator, you continue to remind us that your way is best, and until it becomes our way there will be injustice.

In hope we seek you: may your love inspire us to love and grow together in respect. **Amen**

Notice outside a North London Church:
'Wanted – Workers for God. Plenty of Overtime.'

Family work - Autumn 2022

What a busy couple of months we have had but a lot of fun and very rewarding.

We launched the new stay and play group on a Monday morning and we have around 15 children each week enjoying messy play, crafts and lots more.

Sparklers - which is the Wednesday group - is continuing to go well with a couple of new people - again 15 + children each week.

We had a successful Harvest Service with Uniform groups - who enjoyed the service and especially the crafts afterwards - making corn dollies, scarecrow biscuits and thank you tree prayers. We also went in and helped the Brownies with their DIY badge - again busy but fun.

Our sprouts group are learning about "What does the bible say about....." anger, greed, sin, suffering and much more.

I have loved starting back doing assemblies at Westfield Infant School.

We are looking forward in the next few weeks to our Christmas activities with the Hinckley Council - crafts and refreshments at the Lights Switch on - Friday 18th November and Refreshments for the Car Light Trail - Wednesday 7th December.

We are looking help at both events plus donations of Mince Pies.

Please get in touch if you can help in any way.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers - Rachel.

*Peace is not won
By man's eternal strife,
Peace is the power of God
In human life.
It dwells with joy and love,
Is manifest in grace;
The star above His crib,
The light that is His face.*

(Anon)

Recalling the Ministry for September - October 2022

(Click on the links to see the Bible readings)

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In reflection on the message for Sunday 25th September 2022

The two readings each consisted of a Prophecy followed by a “Story” and then a further Prophecy. Initially, a reflection and preparation was given of the first reading:

Extracts from [Jeremiah 32: 1-3a & 6-15](#) **Jeremiah Buys a Field.**

Jerusalem was being besieged by the Babylonians. Jeremiah prophesied that they would capture the city. King Zedekiah was cross and imprisoned him. Jeremiah lawfully arranged for a field to be bought at Anathoth. Jeremiah prophesied about (a long time in the future) that:

v15: For this is what the LORD Almighty the God of Israel, says: ‘Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

This would be for their eventual return from captivity in Babylon and rebuilding Jerusalem

Extracts from [Luke 16: 19-31](#) **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

Clearly the rich man had not loved his neighbour. Jesus concludes his parable (referring to his own death) in v31 (see below).

Reflection on this reading: was Jesus describing the truth (a prophecy) of what actually happens at death? His concluding reference to his forthcoming death was in verse 31: the rich **will not be convinced** (about heaven?) **even if someone rises from the dead.** This prophecy of his future was like Jeremiah’s prophecy that Jerusalem would eventually be rebuilt.

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In reflection on the message for Sunday 2nd October 2022.

Harvest Festival and Flag Service

Call to Worship, [Psalm 100](#)

v1: Shout for joy to the LORD all the earth.

Harvest Gifts were presented and the choir sang “Look at the World.”

Extracts from [Ruth 2:1-20](#) were read from the dramatized Bible.

Naomi and her husband and sons of the Elimelek clan moved from Judah to Moab to avoid a famine. Ruth, a Moabite, was the wife of one of the

sons. **By Ch. 2.**, Naomi's husband and sons had died. Naomi and Ruth, her daughter-in-law, both widows, travelled back to Judah.

Ruth Meets Boaz in the Grain Field

There was a children's address and the reading above was a drama acted by children and adults.

Sermon – **Concern for the Marginalised.**

Sermon contexts arising from the reading: **Harvest and Racial Discrimination.**

The world's resources should be shared amongst all. People such as white people, males, rich people, etc., should not consider themselves privileged. All should stand up for the marginalised, such as the poor, hungry and weak, other races and ethnicities, and campaign without prejudice to bring their lives to the better place they deserve. As Christ taught us, love our neighbours as ourselves.

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In reflection on the message for Sunday 9th October 2022

Extracts from [Matthew 4:18-25](#) **Fishers of Men.**

So, Jesus had called his first four disciples **and Jesus Heals the Sick.**

A modern-day parable was suggested that: **In Jesus we are in Safe Hands**

Message: Why did Jesus pick fishermen to be his disciples? And why did they **immediately follow** him? The answers are in earlier parts of the Gospel stories. After his Baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus went from Nazareth to Capernaum, which was by the lake, in Galilee (v 12f) and **Begins to Preach.** In Luke Ch.4 v31f, we have v38, Jesus went to the home of Simon and healed his mother-in-law. So, the new disciples **followed** because of his previous teaching, preaching and healing. See also Mark Ch.1.

How can the disciples meet Jesus' objectives for them (eg **The Great Commission:** Matthew Ch.28. v16f, and the deeds reported in **The Acts**)? The answer is that Jesus, after his Death on the Cross, left them **The Holy Spirit**, as their strength and guidance **for doing God's Will, by preaching Peace and Love.**

In reflection on the message for Sunday 16th October 2022.

Call to Worship, Psalm 119: 103-104.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Extracts from [2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5](#) **A Charge to Timothy**

Extracts from [Luke 18:1-8](#) **The parable of the Persistent Widow**

Address – **Prayer and Faith** – which go hand-in-hand.

The message explained how the Parable in Luke tells that praying to God continuously (v1: not giving up) brings God's response (v8: with justice and quickly). We know that God's response to our prayers does not always provide exactly the response that we expect. However, if we express our prayers with humility, our faith can show us how God's justice is guiding us. Praying the Lord's Prayer provides a way of helping us to pray daily, because it includes many of the main topics we need to pray about. To them we can add the more personal matters we want to pray about.

Before **Communion**, we watched a vocal video "The Table of Grace" which welcomed all.

Thanks to Brian Beagley for summarising these services for us

Thursday Afternoon Drop-in

The Thursday afternoon drop-in opened on October 6th and is part of the Warm Space initiative in Hinckley. Churches and organisations are opening their doors to provide warmth for those who can't afford to turn on their heating or are sleeping rough.

Our Church has been given a large amount of knitting wool. If anyone would like to knit hats or blankets which we can give away we would be very grateful.

We would also be grateful for donations of cakes which will go in the freezer or that have a long sell by date. If you have any questions, please see me.

Carole Wallis

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th November Thanksgiving / Memorial Service
Sunday 13th November Farewell Lunch for Yabom
Friday 18th November Christmas Lights Switch-on
Sunday 20th November **AGM** (after the morning service)
Wednesday 7th December Christmas lights Car trail
Sunday 18th December 4.00pm Carol 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 2nd November 7.30pm

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

Thursday 7.30 Music group practice - all welcome

Friday Prayer Group 10.00am (in the church).

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

Please submit material for the December / January edition of Contact by Sunday 20th November. The next edition of Contact will be available by Sunday 27th November

Thank you to everybody who has submitted articles this month.

Funerals Workshop Day

Free one-day training
for Lay Preachers,
Workshop Leaders & others

led by

Rosalind Selby

Principal, Northern College



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To register: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk

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Postman Pat's Christmas Postbox.

Our church Postbox will be available for you to use from Friday 11th November. The reason we are starting earlier this year is that Christmas Day is on a Sunday.

Thank you, *Ian and Kathy*.

