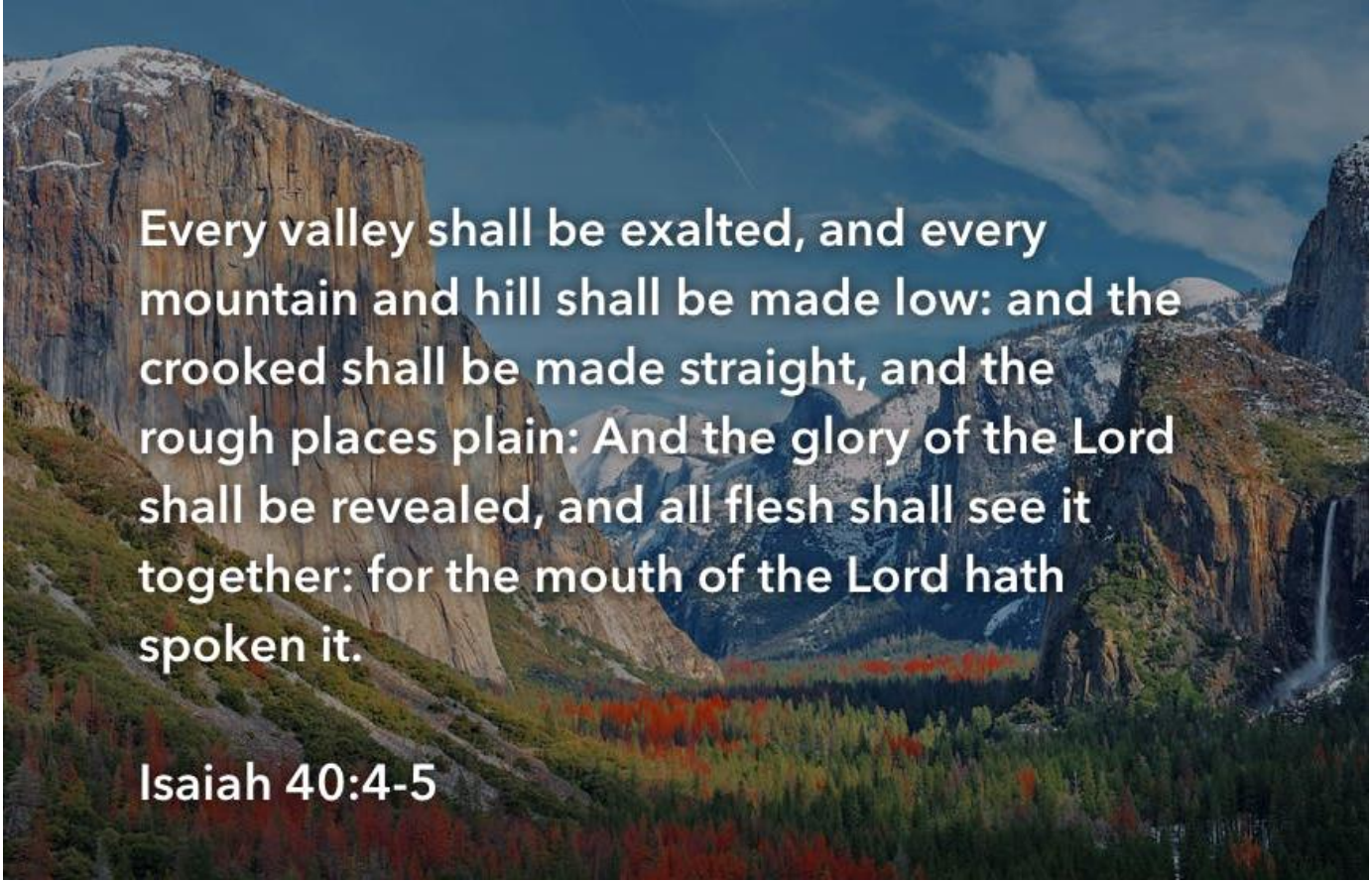


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A scenic view of a mountain valley with a waterfall and autumn foliage. The text is overlaid on the image.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:4-5

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Worship in February (10.45 am unless stated)

5 th Feb	Rev Andrew Mudharara
12 th Feb	Mr Nigel Roberts
19 th Feb	Rev Andrew Mudharara <i>(Including Holy Communion and followed by Church Meeting)</i>
26 th Feb	Rev Lesley Moseley
5 th Mar	Rev Andrew Mudharara <i>(Parade Service)</i>

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42 (NRSV)

Minister's Letter

We are going to be focusing on the growth of our local church and individual spiritual lives in the foreseeable future and it is important for us to put our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus is the one who is building His church and we need to be constantly looking at Him as He guides us and positions us in places He wants us to be so that God can achieve great exploits in Hinckley with us, through us and in us.

We have to invest time in our relationship with God through prayer and reading His word so that when God speaks to us, we can be able to hear His voice and act on the word because we would have become accustomed to God's voice. Our individual relationship with God is going to be paramount in our engagement with God when He guides us through His Holy Spirit. God wants to work with us as a Church but we have to be able to hear His instructions and guidance for the work relationship to be productive. We have a great role of cultivating our relationship with God.

As I shared in my talk, love of each other is going to play a pivotal role in the growth of our local church. We need to heed to the words of Hebrews 12:1 "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us". We need to let go of certain habits and actions that hinders us from loving each other and lay them aside and fix our eyes on Jesus. We have to be prepared to let go some of our comforts for the sake of our sisters and brothers in Christ. We each have a race, marked for us to run and together as a local church have a race marked for us. We need to finish this race when the one (God) who marked it for us says its finished.

Your role as a member of the team or church is pivotal to the growth of this local church. God has called you at this time for a purpose that you, and only, you can fulfil. You are what God needs at this local church at this time. Do not look down on your calling to be part of the team. God and the church value you a lot. Play your part the best you can and God will do the rest through others.

God bless.

Andrew

News of the Family

We remember all in our fellowship who struggle with health or other issues: Annette D, Beryl (Julie's mum), Betty H, Dennis, Ethel, Jan and Brian B, Joan, Joyce, Joyce and Arthur, Keith G, Keith H, Lily S, Nanette S, Nessa, Muriel, Pat J, Paddy, Ruth, Sue D, Sue T, Sue S's Mum, and Wendy.

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

Sue Saunders

Sponsorship Requested Jacqui is going to run 56 miles during February to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Candid is undertaking a sponsored walk, in aid of North West Air Ambulance in May, walking 20 miles in the Lake District from Coniston to Barrow. Please speak to either Jacqui or Candid if you wish to support them.

A minister had been left a parrot in the will of a member of his congregation, and soon regretted it; the bird was rude to anyone who dropped in to see the minister.

Finally, the minister warned the parrot he would take drastic action if he did not behave. When the parrot reduced the next visitor to tears, the minister grabbed him and stuffed him into the fridge for five minutes while he tried to pacify his visitor.

When he took the parrot out later, the bird was transformed. "I'm so sorry. I was out of order. I promise I will never be rude to anyone again". The minister was overjoyed and put the parrot back in its cage. He was about to go back to work when the parrot coughed politely and said, "Mind if I ask something? When I was in the fridge just now, I wondered just for a moment what the chicken had done?"

Thanks to Daniel Cheyne for submitting this gem!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays in February:

George L (on the 4th), Keith G and Wendy H (both on the 5th), Andy H (9th)
Callum C (16th), Robyn C and Richard B (both on the 22nd), Steve W (28th)

Wedding Anniversaries

Yabom 2nd Feb, we wish her well as she celebrates back home!!

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.

News from the Vine

As we enter February we start to think about Lent. With this in mind our Lent books will go on display at the beginning of the month, with more titles added mid-month when our new Take Note, discounted books arrive. Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February and the day before this we will have our usual special pancake menu – for one day only! Easter cards will also go on display from mid-February – this year we have cards in support of both The Leprosy Mission and Compassion. We'll also have Easter books for children, Easter bookmarks and the Real Easter Egg as well as cards for both Valentine's Day and Mothering Sunday.

Fairtrade Fortnight begins at the end of the month on Monday 27th February. The focus this year is on the effect climate change is having on crops that we rely on like cocoa, bananas and coffee and how buying fair-trade goes a long way to protecting them. Look out for more information and special offers during the fortnight.

We are recruiting both paid and voluntary staff at the moment – if you, or someone you know would be interested in joining our team for one (short) day a week please do get in touch – thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk 01455 612345.

God Bless,
Jessica Harrison Manager

Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February to 12th March



This Fairtrade Fortnight, join us in spreading a simple message: choose **Fairtrade** now and help save our favourite foods.

Did you know cocoa, bananas and coffee could soon be much more difficult to find on the shelves in shops?

Climate change is making crops like these harder and harder to grow. Combined with deeply unfair trade, communities growing these crops are being pushed to the brink.

But here's the good news.

More of us choosing **Fairtrade** means extra income, power, and support for those communities, as they work to build sustainable and prosperous futures.

Choosing **Fairtrade** now can help save the future of our favourite foods. But it's not just food -

You can find out all about different **Fairtrade** commodities on the [Buying Fairtrade pages](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/buying-fairtrade/) on the Fairtrade Foundation website at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/buying-fairtrade/> everything from tea, coffee, bananas, chocolate, cold drinks and juices, to wine, herbs and spices, clothes, beauty products, flowers and gold !

Alternatively, when out shopping look for the logos (the black logo tells you that all the contents of the product are Fairtrade accredited, and the white logo indicates that some of the content of the product is Fairtrade accredited).

Phillip Lindley

Join us for a **Fairtrade Breakfast** buffet at Hinckley URC on Sunday, **5th March, from 9.30am – 10.30am**. No need to book a place ... just come along. The breakfast is free, but donations for the Fairtrade Foundation (registered charity no.1043886) are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Carole Wallis and Phillip Lindley

Fellowship Walk

The walk will take place on Thursday 9th February at 2.00pm venue to be arranged. Please speak to Tony if you are interested in coming along.

Foodbank event

In just a few weeks (Friday 17th February) we're going to be holding a fundraising evening and we'd love you to come along!



There will be a hot buffet meal and a quiz night. Tickets are £15 (and there will be a paying bar throughout the evening). It will be at Nuneaton Rugby Club, Liberty Way, Attleborough Fields Industrial Estate, Nuneaton CV11 6RZ.

If you've got friends you'd like to form a team with, then you can book tickets for your team. But, if you'd just like to come along on your own, that's great too, and you can form a team on the night with others sitting at your table! We'll also have a tombola and other fundraising ideas.

To book your ticket, please email me

fundraising@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk

and I will be able to let you have the bank details for payment. (Please book tickets by 3rd February).

We hope to see you there – it will be a fun evening!

Chris Wright

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URC 50th Anniversary Celebration

Following on from the postponement of the original event due to rail strikes, we have been working hard to find a new date to celebrate the URC's 50th.



Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972

You will no doubt appreciate that finding a revised date which works for those leading the service and the availability of Methodist Central Hall has not been an easy task. Our initial hopes for May 6 were scuppered when the new King chose that date for his Coronation!

We're delighted to announce that the new date is **Saturday 15 April 2023**. In an ideal world, we would have opted for a longer gap after Easter, but we hope that as many members and friends of the URC will be able to join us for our delayed anniversary celebrations.

The Open Church House event at 86 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9RT, will also take place on April 15 from 10am-12 noon.

Tickets

If you have a ticket and are able to come to the event on April 15, please do nothing - your ticket is still valid. Please bring it/them on the day. If you would like more tickets, please visit <https://bit.ly/urc50> and amend your order.

If you are no longer able to attend, please <https://bit.ly/urc50> and select Cancel Order. This will free up your tickets for others. 50@urc.org.uk and we can cancel the order for you.

Anniversary Choir

If you would like to sing in the Anniversary Choir, you can find out more details and the dates of the rehearsals by visiting <https://bit.ly/urc50-choir>

Stewards and enquiries

If you are able to volunteer as a Steward at the service, please email 50@urc.org.uk which is also the email address for any enquiries relating to the new date.

With warmest wishes and thanks,
Andy Jackson, URC Head of Communications

Tuesday Lunch Event: Tuesday 14th February

The next Tuesday lunch will be on the 14th February and will be meat pie.

Please let me know if you would like to attend, thank you.

Sue S

Some Thoughts on Lent (*Lent begins on Sunday 26th February*)

The Gospel reminds us that our Lord Jesus Christ spent forty days and nights in the desert, reflecting and praying and continually tempted by Satan.

The desert is a hot place during the day, but extremely cold at night.

For our Lord the 'desert experience' came at a crucial moment in his life.

Because of that experience he grew to love solitude, and made a habit of seeking it at difficult times in his life. When people and events threatened to engulf him, he would head for a lonely place to recover, recharge his batteries and rededicate himself to His Father.

Like Jesus we too need a lonely place for meditation and reflection. Often, we live fast lives surrounded by habits and desires. We are unable or unwilling to be alone, to be silent, to be still. And we wonder why we aren't happy, why we don't find it easy to get on with others, and why we even find prayer difficult.

We need solitude. In solitude we begin to stand on our own feet before God and the World, and accept full responsibility for our own lives. In solitude we meet our demons, our anger, and our need for recognition and approval. And we don't go into the wilderness to escape from others, but to find them in God. 'Only in solitude and silence can I find the gentleness with which I can love my brothers and sisters'.(Thomas Merton).

Rev Daniel Cheyne

Rotas *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 Feb</i>	Roger Moseley	Jacqui Brown Heather Crick
<i>Sunday 12th Feb</i>	Sue Saunders	Kathy Smith Sue Thain
<i>Sunday 19th Feb</i>	Karen Jones	Richard Benham Sue Saunders
<i>Sunday 26th Feb</i>	Christine Thomas	Paul Deeming Julie Payne
<i>Sunday 5th Mar</i>	David Crick	Sally Leggat Ann Martin

	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
<i>Sunday 5th Feb</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	S Ellis
<i>Sunday 12th Feb</i>	Marilyn & Crawford Payne	-
<i>Sunday 19th Feb</i>	Sylvia Ellis Chris Sharrock	J Payne
<i>Sunday 26th Feb</i>	Carole Wallis Ruth Griffiths	-
<i>Sunday 5th Mar</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	K Smith

Wednesday at One

1 st Feb	Rev Simon Wearn	Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley
8 th Feb	Mr Stephen Vickers	St Mary's Church, Barwell
15 th Feb	Rev John Hall	Higham Way Baptist Church
22 nd Feb	Rev George Lea	Hinckley URC

Rota for Warm Space Drop-in (Thursday pm)

Feb 2 nd	Chris and Kathy
Feb 9 th	Sue and Sylvia
Feb 16 ^h	Ruth and Ann
Feb 23 rd	Kathy and Heather
Mar 2 nd	Chris and Phillip

Commitment for Life Prayer for the month Prayer for debt justice



Dear God, thank you that you are a God of justice.

We come before you to pray against the social and economic injustices that debt plays in our communities and in our wider world.

We pray for 54 countries that are engulfed in debt crisis and urgently needing debt cancellation to release resources to deal with rising food and energy costs, the climate emergency and the fallout from the pandemic.

We pray for the leaders of the G7 and the G20 countries to take concrete action to compel private lenders to take part in negotiations to cancel debt.

Closer to home, we pray for people in our communities who have been forced into debt to put food on the table, keep the lights on and an a roof over their heads.

We pray for government to take steps to widen debt solutions and introduce a fair debt write-down to reset the finances of people who are at the sharp end of soaring living costs and give them a fresh start.

Lord God, whether it's here in the UK or in lower income countries, we pray for a debt jubilee. We pray this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Heidi Chow, Debt Justice

Safeguarding News

A joint Hinckley and Daventry training session was held in November. Thirteen participants from Hinckley and five from Daventry completed the Intermediate Training led by Donna Gordon (Synod Safeguarding Officer). Further training dates are below. Please talk to one of the Safeguarding team if you need further information.

Foundation on Zoom

2 February 2.00pm

9 May 6.30pm

Intermediate on Zoom

30 January 6.30pm

28 February 6.30pm

23 March 10.00am

25 April 6.30pm

Intermediate face to face in person 17th February - Venue TBC

Advanced face to face Nottingham Synod Office 9th March

To book for any of the Zoom training please email trainingpa@urc5.org.uk

Chris Sharrock

Job Vacancy

The East Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a **Synod Safeguarding Officer** (Ref SSO). This is a part-time post for 17.5 hours per week (including evening and weekends) on a permanent contract. Salary is £38,239 pro-rata (actual salary £17,845). This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.

For further details please contact *Chris Sharrock*. (Closing date is 28th February)

A hymn for the new year

Come, let us anew,
our journey pursue,
roll round with the year.
and never stand still till the Master appear:

His adorable will
let us gladly fulfil,
and our talents improve,
by the patience of hope and the labour of love.

Our life is a dream,
our time as a stream
glides swiftly away,
and the fugitive moment refuses to stay:

The arrow is flown,
the moment is gone,
the millennial year
rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

O that each in the day
of his coming may say:
'I have fought my way through,
I have finished the work thou didst give me to do!'

O that each from his Lord,
may receive the glad word:
'Well and faithfully done;
enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne!'

Charles Wesley

Free Church Choirs – Advance Notice

The next *Free Church Choirs Festival of Church Music* will be on **Saturday 14th October** at St Albans Cathedral. If you would like to take part, please speak to *David Crick*. The anthem books will be available shortly. If you would like to be in the congregation more details will be available later in the year.

Recalling the Ministry for Nov 2022 – Jan 2023

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

In reflection on the message for Sunday 20th November 2022.

Call to Worship: Psalm 46 was read responsively with the congregation joining in, with alternate lines:

v1: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**
v10f: **Be still, and know that I am God...The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Colossians 1:11-20.

Thanksgiving and Prayer and The Supremacy of the Son of God.

Paul writes to the Colossian Christians about growing in the knowledge of God.

Sermon. **Who Jesus is to us?**

The song MP41 begins to tell us: **At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.**

So also does the reading, explaining that as Jesus is God's son, Jesus, who is the image of the invisible God the Father, and is the head of the Christian Churches. Thus, Christians become children of God, co-heirs with Christ and heirs to the kingdom, enjoying the fruits of the Spirit and reconciled to the Father by Christ's death, to eternal life with Jesus in heaven. The closeness of Advent and Christmas was noted.

The Congregation celebrated Communion together, with the elements served individually by elders and partaken in unison.

In reflection on the message for Sunday 27th November 2022.

The First Sunday in Advent.

The First Advent Candle was lit.

Isaiah 9:2-7 Prophecy

Luke 4:14-21 Prophecy Fulfilled

Address. **Advent Preparations.** In preparation for Christmas Day there is much to do. Christians and non-Christians follow the traditions in planning and organising the decorations, cards, foods, etc., not forgetting **presents** for family and friends. But the **true present** of Christmas is **God's Gift of Jesus his son** to the world, a truth which most non-Christians forget. The visitors to the crib in the stable did not forget this, expressing multiple

thanks to God. It is the responsibility of Christians to spread the message to the world that the visitors to the crib brought with them.

In reflection on the message for Sunday 4th December 2022.
The Second Sunday in Advent.

The Toy Service
The Second Advent Candle was lit.

Gifts of Toys were brought forward while the Zither Carol was sung. **A poem** was read about poor children in times of want who received no presents.

Prayer of thanks were said for the Gifts of Toys and for the hope that these would contribute to happiness for needy children, remembering that God's Gift to us at Christmas was Jesus.

Later, Opening Prayers of Thanksgiving were said with time for silent prayer and for spoken prayers in which many people contributed.

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

The Prayers of Intercession were shared "in twos" where each pair prayed for each other.

Address. **The message of the Kingdom.** John the Baptist predicted the coming of Christ who would baptize believers with the Holy Spirit into the Kingdom of God (Heaven?). Christians need to get their act together to prepare themselves for the Kingdom through repentance (becoming the wheat). They should be the voice telling the unbelievers the way to the Kingdom, so that the latter do not become the chaff burned in the fire (of Hell?). We need to ask ourselves, am I ready when the day of judgement comes, to be accepted into the Kingdom?

In reflection on the message for Sunday 11th December 2022.
The Third Sunday in Advent.

Three Advent Candles were lit, today is for Joy

[Isaiah, 35:1-10](#) **Joy of the Redeemed**
[Matthew 11:2-11](#) **Jesus and John the Baptist**

In the Matthew reading, Jesus confirms Isaiah's prophesy: "Your God will come."

Address: **Reflections on the two readings.** From amongst the story of the fulfilled prophecy our attention was drawn to v3 in the Isaiah reading: *Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way*, in order to discuss how God sees those who are born disabled. It was inferred that a born disability is part of the character of the person and that God sees them as no different to others – all are equal.

John the Baptist was the messenger sent ahead of Jesus to prepare the way for him. Both John and Isaiah prophesied not only the coming of the Messiah, but also the Kingdom of God. Both also are delivering the message of God's Love for all, which was emphasised by the arrival of Jesus as the baby in the manger at Christmas.

In reflection on the message for
Fourth Sunday in Advent, 18th December 2022.
CAROL SERVICE Theme – There is Room...

The Four Advent Candles were lit.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

The Story of the Nativity is told in a series of readings.

The first carol was “Once in Royal David’s City”

Room for hope...

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:2-7, **Christ’s Birth and Kingdom Foretold**

Carol 2: “Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes”

Reading 2: Micah 5:2-4, **The prophet Micah foretells the Glory of**

Bethlehem

Carol 3: “O little town of Bethlehem,”

Reading 3: Luke 1:26-38 Luke 1, 26-38, **The Birth of Jesus**

Foretold

Room for a baby...

Choir: **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

Reading 4: Luke 2:1-7 **The Birth of Jesus**

Poem: **No Room at the Inn**

Carol 4: “From the squalor of a borrowed stable”

Room for everyone...

Reading 5: Luke 2:8-16 **The shepherds and the angels**

Carol 5: “It came upon the midnight clear”

Reading 6: Matthew 2:1-11 **The wise men are led by a star to**

Jesus

Choir: **Bethlehem Down**

Carol 6: “As with Gladness men of old”

Room for Refugees...

Reading 7: Matthew 2:13-16 **The Escape,**

Reflecting on the current escape of Ukrainians from the war zone.

Carol 7: (You Tube) Ukranian version of “**Carol of the Bells**”

Room for God...

Reading 8: John 1:1-14 **The Word became flesh**

Carol 8: “**Lord, you left your throne**” (modern words)

Address: There is Room for All. At Christmas, God gave us his gift of Jesus his son, proclaiming the message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love for the lives of humankind, and compassion for all, including refugees. Christians should spread this message to others. The biblical message was not just for the Jews, but applied to all nations, especially those with warlike attitudes. There is Room for All.

Final **Carol 9:** “**Hark! The herald angels sing**”

On Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December, the Congregation joined in Communion.

On Christmas Day, Sunday 25th December, the Congregation Rejoiced for The Birth of Jesus

In reflection on the message for Sunday 1st January 2023.

Call to Worship, Psalm 148 **Praise the LORD.**

Let all praise the name of the LORD.

Extracts from Isaiah, 63:7-9

, **Praise and Prayer**

Sermon: **Forget not His Benefits.** We were reminded that in this new year God’s steadfast faithfulness continues to support us with love and mercy even in all our troubles. Thus, as God’s children, in the words of Psalm 23, “**The Lord is my shepherd**” we lack nothing.

In reflection on the message for Sunday 8th January 2023.

Extracts from Matthew 2:1-12 **The Magi Visit the Messiah**

Theme Throughout Today's Service: **Gifts at Christmas.**

The Gifts the Wise Men Brought were Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

God's Gift to us was Jesus.

The Gifts that Jesus Brought were Love, Grace and Forgiveness.

Each of Jesus's Gifts were discussed and illustrated by particular hymns

Love:

Such love pure as the whitest snow. (MP 619)

Away in a manger (MP 47) with special reference to the last verse:

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay

Close by me for ever and love me I pray;

Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,

And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

Grace and Forgiveness:

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound (MP 31)

Each member of the congregation was asked to write down their suggestions of particular gifts they had received from Jesus. These were later collected in.

In reflection on the message for Sunday 15th January 2023.

John 13:31-38 **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial**

Sermon: **Church growth is at God's heart.** The scripture reports:

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." To bring

newcomers into church, the church must demonstrate that church is a

place, based on God's Love for us, where newcomers can see the

benefits of God's Love expressed in the loving environment which exists,

where the congregation follows Christ's command, **"Love one another."**

In God's Love, the congregation joined together in Communion.

Thanks to Brian Beagley for summarising these services for us

The Vine is recruiting



Paid Supervisor

To cover one day a week alternating Fridays and Saturdays – 5-6 hours per week. The supervisor would be responsible for the smooth running of The Vine and will work alongside volunteers and other paid staff in a supervisory role. The key tasks would be running the coffee shop, serving customers with both food and drink and bookshop purchases. Good people skills are essential as is an ability to prepare simple food. Food hygiene training can be given if required. Training will be given on all procedures necessary for the role. Pay will be the minimum wage.

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the position is filled by a practising Christian.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter explaining how you are suited to the role to The Vine Christian Bookshop, The Borough, Hinckley, Leics., LE10 1NL or email to thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk. Please also contact us if you would like the job description and person specification.

We are also in need of volunteers particularly for Wednesdays and Fridays – please contact us if you are interested.

Preliminary Notice

The **Wigston and District Male Voice Choir**, and a guest guitarist, will be in concert at Hinckley United Reformed Church on Saturday, 18th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available in advance from Phillip Lindley at £10 each, and at the door on the night.

The concert is a fund raiser for Hinckley and District Museum (registered charity no. 1015922).



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 19th February Church Meeting (*after the morning service*)
Sunday 5th March 9.30am Fairtrade Breakfast

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 1st February 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 March edition of Contact by Sunday 19th February. Articles can be emailed. The next edition of Contact will be available by Sunday 26th February

Thank you to everybody who has submitted articles this month. At the AGM I indicated my desire to relinquish the role of Contact Editor, so if anyone is interested in taking over, please speak to me and I can explain what is involved.

*A church exists for the double purpose of gathering in and sending out
(Anon)*