

WELCOME to the September edition of CONTACT, the newsletter for those associated with Hinckley United Reformed Church.

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

It's September and once again the time when we remember Bangladesh, our Commitment for Life partners. In the past small loans have enabled people, especially women to set up small businesses to support their families. Bangladesh now has a prime minister who, despite much opposition introduced small government loans. Hopefully, this will continue and together we can enable more people to get out of poverty.

Envelopes and information leaflets will be available in church throughout September. Please consider making a donation, no matter how small. Anything will be greatly appreciated.

Carole

Commitment
for Life



A DRIVEN CHURCH

Sunday 15th September sees the 13th Hinckley BID MOTOR SHOW. Vehicles from the eras will be displayed around the town, including in front of our own church. We will be holding an OPEN DOOR SERVICE for all with visitors invited to call in to look around the church, its' historic organ and taken in some refreshments.

SENSE OF ADVENTURE

Know someone 12 to 21yrs old? Looking for physical & spiritual adventure? Join us on the URC Synod ADVENTURE WEEKEND (20-22 Sept) for games, activities & adventure in a safe Christian environment. See Paul Wake (community & outreach) for more information.

URC Moderator Statement

No-one should suffer intimidation and violence because of their religious beliefs or ethnic background. People fleeing from threat and persecution in other places should be able to find a safe place in the UK.

British values of mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs underpin our society. As Christians, we are called to care for vulnerable people and speak up for those who suffer.

The moderators of the United Reformed Church and its synods are united in their deep concern for those who have been targeted in recent civil unrest. The hallmarks of racial prejudice have been on display. An initial solemn response to a terrible attack in Southport has been subverted into further violence. No good will come of it.

We stand with Black and Asian friends and neighbours, and with asylum seekers and refugees. We stand against hate in all its forms, including islamophobia and antisemitism, and call for all Christians to offer friendship and support to all those who are frightened or in need today.

A prayer

God of all life,

We ask for peace in a time of strife.

We ask for healing in a time of trouble.

We pray for the end of violence and intimidation, expressed in our towns and on our streets in recent days. You call us to care for the vulnerable in our society without prejudice.

Help us to respond to hatred and violence

with love and support for the victims,

with solidarity and kindness towards those who are afraid.

We know that living in harmony is not easy.

We know we often fall short.

But we know that, with your help and inspiration,

we can be a people known for their strong compassion and deep welcome.

God of peace, bring peace.

Amen

***The Revd Tim Meadows, URC
General Assembly Moderator &
others in the URC***

September Sunday Services

Speakers for September Sunday Services, starting 10:45am

1st Rev Andrew Mudharara 22nd Rev Lesley Moseley
8th Richard Benham 29th Pastor DaQuan Gibson
15th Rev Andrew Mudharara

AMERICAN VISITOR



I, Paul Wake (Community & Outreach) am delighted to welcome, Pastor DaQuan Gibson, a much-loved brother in Christ to speak to us in the Sunday 29th September service. I invite all (URC church member or not) to come along and hear a Spirit-led challenging & encouraging message.

Here is a short bio: Pastor DaQuan Gibson was born & raised in Wilmington, Delaware, USA. He was raised by his grandmother, who became a Muslim when DaQuan was very young.

Though she converted to Christianity in DaQuan's teenage years, she – with much prayer – allowed him to pursue God for himself. Therefore, DaQuan was introduced to the Faith and disciplined by a loving neighbour. DaQuan sensed God's call to pastoral ministry shortly after his conversion to Christianity, and the Lord led him from there. He serves as the head of the Bible department & basketball coach at Wilmington Christian School. He holds a BA in Biblical Studies from Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary. The Lord has allowed him to share the Gospel in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Kenya, around the States and at home with his wife & 3 children. He has preached and counselled thousands of young people & continues to have an impact on families for the sake of the Gospel. With every opportunity given, DaQuan loves to share the simple message of Christ.

CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the OCTOBER edition of Contact will be Wednesday 18th September. The next edition will be available from Sunday 29th September.





MAINLY MUSIC MONDAYS

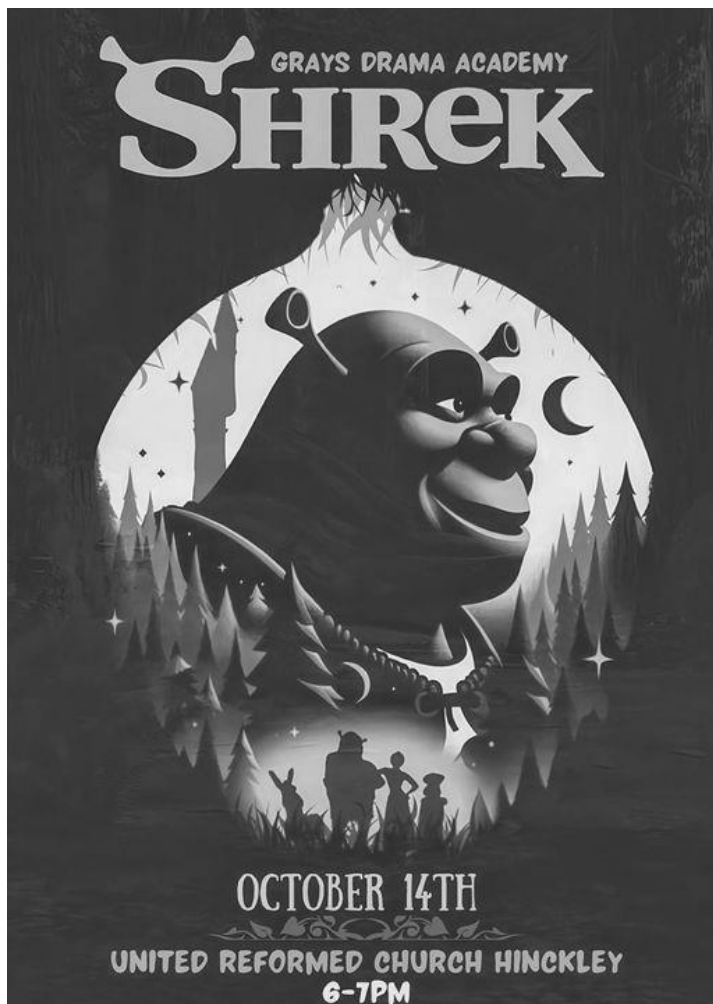
Mondays will soon see our family ministry take on a more musical approach with young children & their carers encouraged to take part in fun-filled musical activities with lots of bubbles!



GRAYS DRAMA ACADEMY

Our friends at Grays Drama Academy (GDA) are staging the musical, SHREK, on Monday 14th October (at Hinckley URC). Tickets are going VERY fast so book yours straight away! Contact GDA directly for ticket availability. GDA will also be involved in our Toy Service on Sunday 1st December.

Tickets will be going on sale soon for the GDA Christmas show, also to be held at Hinckley URC.



THE
VINE

The Vine is
seeking new
staff
(Jessica
Harrison)

Saturday Assistant

The role is to assist in our busy coffee shop each Saturday 9am – 2pm. The main duties would be taking customer orders, making drinks, serving tables, clearing tables, taking payments, washing up and cleaning. This would suit someone aged 16 plus. Good people skills are essential as is a reasonable level of numeracy skills. Good presentation and attention to detail are important. Pay will be at the minimum wage. Lunch is provided.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter explaining how you are suited to the role to thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk by 16th August 2024. Interview will be held shortly after the close. The start date will be in September.



September's Monthly Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 27th (9am) at the top of Castle Street, Hinckley (where the pedestrian area starts).

This is an opportunity for us to come together, regardless of whatever church (or none) we attend, to pray for our community & the people in it.

The prayer walk ends at 9:45am at our church where you can have some refreshments & are welcome to join our ecumenical prayer group at 10am.

CHURCH RAMBLE by Tony T

We had a very enjoyable walk in July around the grounds of Calke Abbey - didn't see much of the Abbey as we were walking in a new area starting/finishing at the Calke Explorer car park. This was also a good place to sit at picnic tables to eat our sandwiches. A good turn-out of 11 people and 2 dogs!

Next month on 17th September we will hopefully be walking again - please contact Tony or see the weekly notices for venue and start time.



Registration - 9:30am

Come & Sing **Fauré REQUIEM**

Start the day rehearsing this sublime choral work, some say written in response to the Berlioz 'Grande Messe des Morts', and finish it with a performance!

Saturday, 12th October
Hinckley URC

The Borough, Hinckley LE10 1NL

Performance - 3:45pm



Tuesday Lunch Event

10th September 2024

This month we will be having an "Afternoon tea" with homemade cakes.

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

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RAINBOWS | BROWNIES | GUIDES

By Carol Lynch



This summer a small group of our guides joined over 700 girls and leaders at Leicestershire's County Camp. The girls took part in various activities all day and night - live music night, silent disco, campfire, crafts, high zip wire, climbing activities, kayaking, caving, inflatables and rafting to name but a few. As well as catering for and general 'parenting' of the girls, the leaders did manage one relax during the 5 day camp to soak their feet- it was bliss!



Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Market Bosworth, Sapcote, Sheepy Magna, Stoney Stanton

www.girlguidingleicestershire.org

Words for Contact from George
Rev George Lea, retired

I have recently been looking through an old folder that contain "bits of paper". Newspaper cuttings and the like...

Here are a couple I found...

"I am sorry but I can only please one person at a time and today is not your turn and tomorrow does not look very promising either."

BIG WORDS ABOUT OUR FAITH...

"Before turning to other New Testament writers, it may help to summarise Paul's teaching as far as we have examined it.

For Paul,...

Jesus dying in man's place is **Substitution**.

For Jesus to secure man's acceptance with God is **Justification**.

For Jesus to set aside the wrath of God is **Propitiation**.

For Jesus to buy back man from enslavement to evil powers is **Redemption**.

And for Jesus to end man's estrangement from God is **Reconciliation**."

The writer goes on... "Further to these grand ideas, all of which indicate the accomplishment of a definite object, Christ has triumphed over the powers of evil and" ... this where the cutting ends, but I will add... "*and Death*."

I have no idea who the writer is but I note it is a copy from "page 12" in a book I once read.

The Living Word

When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.

Leviticus 19:33

The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16: 7

HOPE^{into} ACTION

Enabling churches to house the homeless

HOPE INTO ACTION

Many of you may think that the Hope into Action house is a figment of our imagination but it really exists and after two long frustrating years we are told that we will hopefully have tenants in before Christmas. (Don't hold your breath!!)

Being optimists, we are once again starting plans to furnish the house. We are immensely grateful to those who have already offered items and made donations.

Hope into Action have given us a definitive list of what we need to provide and the cost of items if bought new. This will be displayed on the notice board and if you feel you can help either by donating a good quality second hand item or making a donation, we and the future residents will be very thankful.

Lesley, Karen, Sue T and Carole.

The FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK is 30 years old this year. That means 30 years of farmers and workers around the world driving positive change in their communities, using the power generated when you choose Fairtrade.

Today, your Fairtrade commitment is more important as ever, as farmers take on rising costs and the climate crisis.

Fairtrade accredited products are available from major supermarkets in Hinckley and beyond, as well as on-line.

Fairtrade Breakfast

Our Church is a Fairtrade accredited church and we invite you to a **Fairtrade Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, 22nd September from 9.30am**, to celebrate national Fairtrade Fortnight (9th to 22nd September). All are welcome to come along (no booking required).

For more information on Fairtrade please speak with either Phillip Lindley or Carole Wallis.

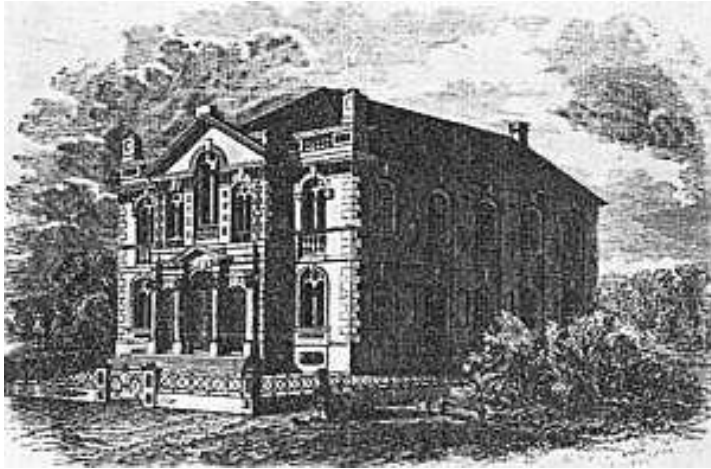


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Producers

From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

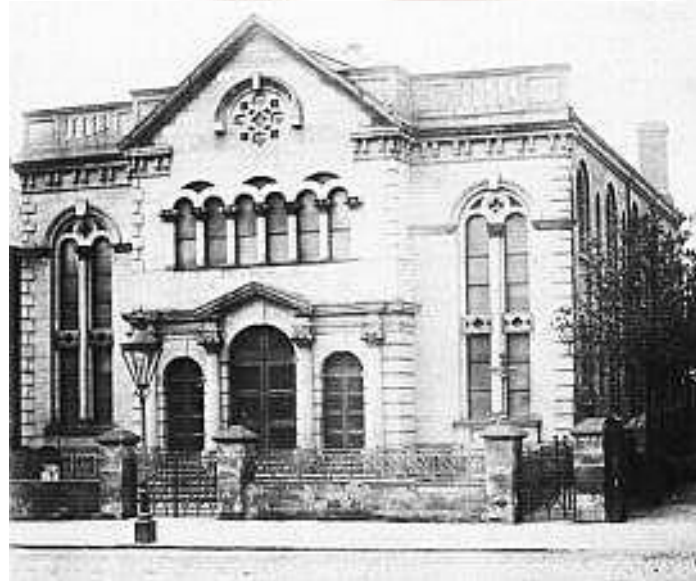
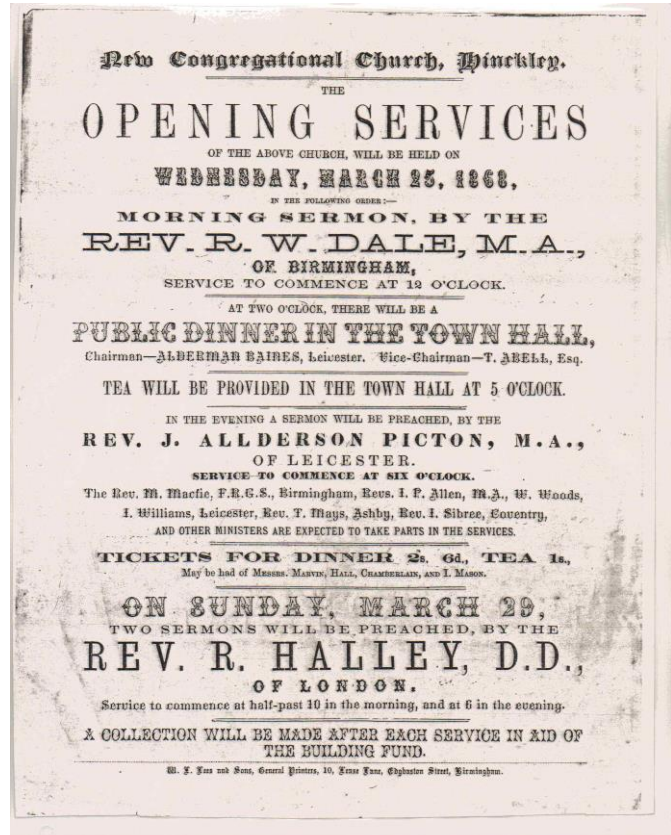
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The original design from a fund-raising leaflet for the new chapel.

The foundation stone of the new chapel was laid on 11th September 1866 by Samuel Morley, a prominent London hosier who had donated £500 towards the cost of the building.

The formal opening of the chapel took place on 25th March 1868, with the guest preacher being the Rev. R. W. Dale of Birmingham. The service was followed by a public dinner in the Town Hall (until recently Barclays Bank) with 101 people present. A tea was held in the afternoon, and another service in the evening led by the Rev. J. Alderson Picton of Leicester.



Our present chapel, on a new site in The Borough, was built in 1866-8 to the designs of Francis E. Drake of Leicester, at a total cost of £3594.

By Phillip Lindley

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Ride and Stride - Historic Churches Trust

The annual Ride and Stride event is taking place on Saturday 14th September. The church has been registered for the event and will be open from 10am through 'til 2pm. Thank you to those who have volunteered to welcome visitors - I will chat to you regarding a rota. I have now received forms for sponsorship - so if you would like to take part by cycling or walking around the local churches - please let me know. Christine and I will be doing our bit around some of the local area. Thank you, Tony

What's On

- MONDAYS** **STAY & PLAY** | Children's Playgroup
Welcome to all with children 5yrs & under
10am-noon (side entrance). Term-time only.
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE | Help &
support with practising English for speakers of other
languages. noon—2pm (side entrance)
- WEDNESDAYS** **SPARKLERS** | Children's Playgroup (5yrs & below)
Group primarily for childminders with 5yrs & under
9:30-11:30am (side entrance). Term-time only.
WEDNESDAY @ONE | ecumenical service for all
1pm-1:30pm (front entrance)
- THURSDAYS** **DROP-IN** Chat & Coffee/Tea. All welcome
2-4pm (front entrance)
- FRIDAYS** **PRAYER GROUP** | All welcome
10-11am (front entrance)
- SUNDAYS** **SERVICE** | All welcome. Children's group.
10:45am-noon (front entrance)

MONTHLY PRAYER WALK | All welcome

Friday 27th September 9am at the top of
Castle Street, Hinckley. Ending at the church @9:45am.

HOUSEGROUP Please see David Crick & Rob Cobb

Wednesday @One Services

Wednesday at One services are a half hour ecumenical service available to all, regardless of church or doctrine. Starting at 1pm.

Wed, 28th August - Robin Hanford (Hinckley Great Meeting)

Wed, 4th September - Andrew Mudharara (Hinckley URC)

Wed, 11th September - Andrew Hall (St Catherine's, Burbage)

Wed, 18th September - Daniel Cheyne (Hinckley URC)

Wed, 25th September - Dennis Spence (Hinckley URC)

For more information, please contact Charles Leggat 07754702241

All are welcome with teas & coffees served after the 30-minute service.