

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

ON YER BIKE

THE RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

Thank you to everyone who helped by manning the church, took part by riding and/or sponsored the event which took part in the middle of September on a perfect day for cycling. Unfortunately, since Covid, not so many of the local churches open up for the day, therefore more miles have to be covered to clock up the number of churches visited. Just three churches in Hinckley so off to some of the local villages where we were entertained with tea and cake and also friendly chats.



. Managed 8 churches and 18 miles by the end of the day with the result that over £80 was raised for the Historic Churches Trust - half of which is returned for our own use. Congratulations also to Dennis who managed to visit the three churches in Hinckley on his mobility scooter. It is not too late to sponsor if you wish.

Christine and Tony T

Minister's Letter

By Rev Andrew Mudharara

Greetings to you, your family and friends in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ who loves us so much that He was willing to carry our sins to the cross so that we may be declared holy (Justified). I praise God that our daughter has turned four this month.

I write to us encouraging us to permit ourselves having the time to rest. We learn from scriptures that Jesus our Lord often took time away from His busy schedule to be alone with His father recuperating. Sometimes our diaries demand us to such an extent that we feel guilty having time to ourselves with God resting and contemplating on our ministries, families and activities.

Mark tells us "Very early in the morning while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35) Jesus allowed Himself sometime to be alone with His father. It is important that we learn to take ourselves away from the busyness of life and rest in God's arms even when work is calling us.

In Luke 5 :15-16, we see Jesus withdrawing from healing the sick and preaching the Gospel and withdrawing to a lonely place to nurture Himself in the presence of His Father.

If Jesus could allow Himself the time to rest it is a sign to us that we should intentionally withdraw to a place or space where we can reflect and spent more time with God alone. This helps us to recuperate and coming back to ministry and activities with new vigour.

Jesus went away after the receiving the news of the beheading of John the Baptist (Mathew 6:13). I think the death of John drained Jesus and he needed sometime alone to mourn, ponder and deal with the grief "he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place". We have to learn and encourage ourselves to withdraw from the demands of life, parenting, work, meetings, roles, positions, caring, the list goes on. Sometimes we struggle to permit ourselves to do that because we feel we are letting others down but by allowing ourselves space to recuperate we actually do good to the work and roles as we recharge through rest.

I am working on allowing myself time to myself without feeling guilt for the things that will not happen because I have taken away time to myself. I am learning to acknowledge that church was there before me and will be there after me though it is privilege to work alongside God in His mission.

Would you allow yourself some to rest and having so "me time" in Jesus' name.

Amen

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. **Hebrews 13:16**

Can you help?

“Dear all

We’ve received a request for hosting a 57 year old Ukrainian lady whose daughter and 8 year old grandson already live in Hinckley. If you believe you could be that host contact us and we will share what we know, and put you in touch with Vika, the daughter.

In Jesus

*Malcolm and Jane Clarke – HBC / Email –
mbclarke@talktalk.net”*

BACKPACK APPEAL



Do you have a backpack you seldom use? Do you have toiletries, a torch, a sleeping bag, some new socks, hat or gloves to put in it? Please donate your items to Paul (Community & Outreach)) so we can put together backpacks for those in our community sleeping rough, especially as the nights get colder.

CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the NOVEMBER edition of Contact will be Wednesday 16th October. The next edition will be available from Sunday 27th October.



MOTOR SHOW / CHURCH OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th September was the Hinckley BID Motor Show. To welcome visitors to the town centre we had an open church event after our morning service and served refreshments throughout the day.



Voluntary contributions were collected for the gallons of tea, coffee, cordial and many cakes (many of which were homemade) served. The people of Hinckley and visitors were very generous and we were able to collect £338 for our local food bank.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We collect items for the local food bank and for vulnerable people in the community, sometimes sleeping rough.

Are you able to donate? Our local community food bank has a particular need for these items:

baked beans, pasta sauce, biscuits, small tins of fruit and veg, 400g tins of veg, fruit juice, chocolate, confectionary.



THE
VINE

Christmas Gifts (Jessica Harrison)

News from The Vine - from October 1st our Christmas cards will be available along with all things advent related (calendars, candles, devotional books). More Christmas stock will follow towards the end of the month but if there is anything you want sooner do please ask. Diaries and calendars for 2025 are already available. Starting on Saturday 12th October we will once again be celebrating Christian Bookshop Week where we will have some great giveaways for our book buying customers. We have had a donation of around 35 copies of the words edition of Mission Praise - if anyone would like any (perhaps for a small group?) please make contact with Jessica. We have filled our vacancy for a Saturday Assistant but we are still seeking the right person to become our new Assistant Manager - we would appreciate your prayers over this. Thank you



October's Monthly Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 25th (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

A great day for a stroll through the countryside! The sun was shining and the mist had cleared by the time we met at Fosse Meadows. Eight of us had managed to work our way through the road works and traffic lights and unexpected road closures! The conditions were perfect and there were several Ospreys and Kites flying above us as we walked round the meadows and woods. After a shortish walk of 2 miles we sat down in the park and watched the birds including a Kestrel while we ate our lunch. Some of us couldn't resist the swing!

The October walk will be on Tuesday 15th. Details to follow on the weekly notices.



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

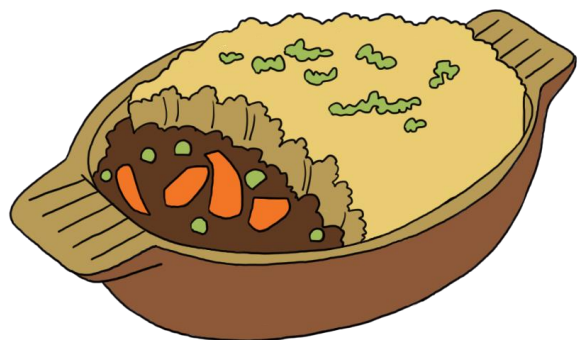
Tuesday Lunch Event - 8th October 2024

This month we will be having Cottage Pie followed by Bread & Butter Pudding.

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

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Loaded (youth ministry)

Adventure Abounds

Our own Community & Outreach Worker, Paul Wake, was one of the leaders at this recent East Midlands Synod event as First Aider & Pastoral Care (males).

“Thank you for your prayers and support towards the Synod Youth Adventure Weekend Away which took place between 20-22 September.

36 young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age from 9 different churches/youth groups took part supported by an adult team from across the Synod. We had a great time exploring our theme "Story, Story, Story" exploring various genre of stories and our place within God's story.

We also enjoyed the opportunity to go down the zip wire, orienteer around the Blackwell centre grounds, 3G swing, laser tag battles and climbing the high all aboard pole together all supported by the excellent onsite instructors.

It was particularly good to see young people making new and growing friendships and having so much fun doing so. We experienced God's presence and blessing throughout the event and are grateful for all we experienced as a group.

Please continue to pray for all of the young people across the Synod and for all those who serve alongside them.

Richard Knott, CYDO (E Mid Synod). “

Richard will be speaking at our church on Sunday 3rd November.



Uniformed Group News

Sign Up Today



RAINBOWS | BROWNIES | GUIDES

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

www.girlguidingleicestershire.org



MISCARRIAGE & BABY LOSS AWARENESS

EVENT

13TH OCTOBER

Miscarriage and Baby Loss Awareness Week takes place from 9th to the 15th October.

It provides an opportunity for bereaved parents, their families and friends to commemorate their babies' lives and raise awareness about pregnancy & baby loss.

We (Hinckley United Reformed Church) will be holding a Miscarriage & Baby Loss Awareness service on Sunday 13th October (10:45am).

Bereaved parents, their families and friends will be invited to light a candle of remembrance, sign a message in the memory book and bring along any keepsakes.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

By Rev George Lea. As in past years we are organising a Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday 3rd November at 10-45am.

It is a time to remember those we have loved and lost.

We already have a number of names on our list. If you have lost a loved one, if your family has lost someone recently, and what about your neighbours, we had a number of those last year who joined us to remember members of their family.

For more information speak with David Crick or George Lea



The
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Mental Health Training

Saturday 9 November 2024

10.00am - 3.30pm

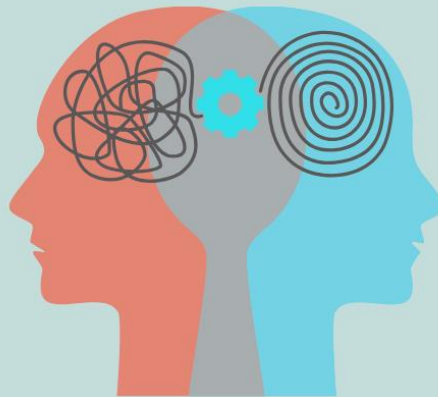
St Andrew's URC, Chesterfield

How can we recognise
when someone is
struggling?

**SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH
THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
IN CHURCH**

What is the best
way to help?

How can our church be
a place where people
feel cared for?



What does the Bible
say about mental
health?

With Dr Cheryl Hawkins from Encourage Mental Health
A workshop focusing on how we can welcome, support and disciple those
who struggle with their mental health in our church and communities

To book your place please visit: <https://bit.ly/urcmentalhealth>
or call Hannah Holmes at the Synod Office: 0115 9609241



From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

(part 4) By Phillip Lindley



Funds were then raised to build schoolrooms at the rear of the chapel, and these were formally opened on 19th June 1870. Here children, aged up to 14, attended on weekdays as well as Sundays, many learning to read and write here, as well as being taught the basic facts of the Christian religion. Christian education had begun in 1797, and we celebrated the 200th anniversary of children's and youth work in 1997.



A major renovation of the chapel took place in 1934 when the roof was strengthened and internal re-arrangement made.



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OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Speakers for October Sunday Services, starting 10:45am

6th Oct Rev Andrew Mudharara (Harvest Parade Service)

13th Oct Paul Wake (Miscarriage & Baby Loss Service)

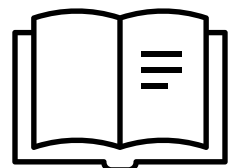
20th Oct Rev Andrew Mudharara (Communion Service)

27th Oct Rev Daniel Cheyne

3rd November

Rev Andrew Mudharara / Rev George Lea

Thanksgiving (Memorial) Service



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 25th October at the top of Castle Street, Hinckley.
Ending at the church @9:45am.

HOUSEGROUP Please see David Crick & Rob Cobb for details.

Wednesday @One Services

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

Weds 2nd Oct Anthony Thacker (St Marys)

Weds 9th Oct John Moore (St Johns)

Weds 16th Oct Rev George Lea (Hinckley URC)

Weds 23rd Oct Bob Stephen (St Marys)

Weds 30th Oct Rev Andrew Mudharara (Hinckley URC)

For more information, please contact Charles Leggat 07754702241
All are welcome with teas & coffees served after the 30-minute service.