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April '25 Edition

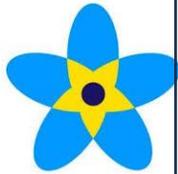
WELCOME to the April edition of CONTACT, the newsletter for those associated with Hinckley United Reformed Church.

Look to details of our Easter services (dates, times & speakers) for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, including communions. Information towards the back of Contact & on our website. www.hinckleyurc.org.uk



Songs of Praise

Sunday 4th May
10:45am & refreshments



ALL WELCOME to our
Songs of Praise Open Service
(Dementia Friendly)



We invite you to pray with us or simply to take one of our 7 page booklets to help you in your prayer life. It may just change your life.

We also invite you to our weekly Friday morning prayer group (10am) or our monthly prayer walk through the town (9am top of Castle St) on the last Friday of every month.

www.trypraying.org

News from The Vine - Easter is coming and we have plenty of Easter cards still in stock in packs and as singles. Easter cards are becoming more popular to send amongst the Christian community and it is a simple way to witness to family and friends at this time of year. All our cards have a Bible verse and an Easter message, but some are a little more subtle for those sending to someone who is not a believer while others are more openly Christian. We also have plenty of Easter books, especially titles for children but also for those who are seeking. As a child I was always given an egg and a book at Easter that helped me in my faith journey - do consider this for the children in your life. We have the popular Real Easter Egg in stock for those who want to give an egg with more of a Christian message and a few other fairtrade Easter chocolate goodies. We still have a small selection of the £1.00 books that we had in for World Book Day so grab a bargain before they disappear. We've recently had new stock in our gift section, including jewellery, prints and even a cuddly bunny, which we are trialling! Do let us have your feedback..



April'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 Life Youth



At Rochelle, our aim is to provide children and adults of all ages with training and confidence to achieve their goals within a friendly, fun and hard working environment. Various classes are held in Ballet, Tap, Musical Theatre, Modern Jazz, Freestyle, Acrobatics, Theatrecraft, Hip Hop as well as Insanity and Stretching and Limbering.

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Synod Picnic in the Park



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SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025, 11AM - 3PM
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NORTHANTS, NN9 5UH



BOOKING
DETAILS

COMING
SOON

MUSIC

FELLOWSHIP

GAMES

**SAVE
THE DATE**



From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

(part 9 & final part) By Phillip Lindley



In 1998 the organ was awarded an Historic Organ Certificate by the British Institute of Organ Studies to mark its national importance

In February 2006 an appeal was launched to overhaul the organ, and work commenced in October 2006, at a cost of £113,000. The work was completed in May 2007.



Organ Recital on the historic Holdich organ given by Rachel Mahon (Organist and Director of Music, Coventry Cathedral)

Saturday 24th May 3pm

@ Hinckley United Reformed Church

From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

Thank you to Phillip Lindley for his history of the church. We hope you have found the series interesting, informative and an insight into a building in which people have come together to worship God for decades. We end the series with a history of ministers of the church.



Joseph Gill	1806 – 1816
John Buckham	1818 – 1834
William Hawkins Woodward	1834 – 1836
William Salt	1837 – 1849
William Inman	1849 – 1850
John Kay	1851 – 1853
Thomas Johnson	1853 – 1859
John James	1859 – 1865
David Watson Purdon	1866 – 1867
Charles Burrows	1869 – 1871
Edmund Phillips	1873 – 1885
Arthur Calvert	1886 – 1892
David Stephens	1893 - 1898
John Henry Cox	1900 – 1905
Charles Henry Crow	1905 – 1927
Stanley Barker Green	1928 – 1932
Reginald George Ashman	1933 – 1943
George Cyril Clamp	1944 – 1951
Bernard Railton Bax	1951 – 1957
Clifford Owen Thomas	1958 – 1966
Gordon W. E. Baker	1966 – 1990
Malcolm Bernard Clarke	1990 – 2016
Andrew Mudharara	2018 - 2025

Ministers of the church

Thomas Leadbetter	ejected 1662
Nathaniel Stevens	1669 – 1677
Henry Watts	c.1679 – 1690
Richard Southwell	1690 – 1693
John St. Nicholas	1693 – 1698
John Southwell	1698 – 1705
William Bilby	1706 – 1721
John Jennings	1721 – 1723
Robert Dawson	1725 – 1751
Nathaniel White	1755 – 1762
John Griffiths	1767 – 1772
James Scott	1772 – 1799
John Renals	1801 – 1802
Owen Morris	1804 – 1806

Where are you?

Yes, where are you, whilst you read this article in the Hinckley United Reformed Church April Contact? Are you reading it in Church, having just picked up a paper copy as you came in. Are you at home reading it on your computer?

What do you do with the Contact once you have read it? Betty and I used to write what we called “a handout” and delivered a copy to all the apartments in Churchmead Court. It usually included a quiz, a funny story, even words of Scripture or a hymn. Some copies were passed on to members of the family and we were often asked for another copy. We were often told, “That hand out was just what I needed!”

So, what do you do with the Contact? What about passing it on? Some of the words in it may be just the right words for someone who reads it. We have heard people say “they were just the right words for me!”

Jesus had the knack of saying the right words for people. He invited Peter and Andrew to follow Him and to become “fishers of men”. They followed instantly and their lives were changed forever. All Jarius wanted to hear were words of healing for his daughter. The woman who wanted just to touch Jesus’ cloak got more than she wanted. She got healing and words of love.

The Contact may contain just the right words for some person who is in need. Pass it on and say a prayer as you do.

Rev George Lee (rtd)

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APRIL SERVICE SPEAKERS

- Sunday 6th Rev Daniel Cheyne (10:45am)
Sunday 13th Julie Payne (Palm Sunday, 10:45am)
Thursday 17th Rev Daniel Cheyne (Maundy Thurs Communion 7pm)
Sunday 20th Rev Lesley Moseley (breakfast Communion 9am)
Sunday 20th Nigel Roberts (10:45am, Julie Payne Communion)
Sunday 27th Simon Cooper (10:45am)
Sunday 4th May Songs of Praise Service (dementia friendly service)



CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the May edition of Contact will be Sunday 13th April. The next edition will be available from Sunday 27th April.

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 April 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.

- 26th March Fr Frank Daley, St Peter's,
2nd April John Moore: St John's, Hinckley
9th April Bob Stephen: St Mary's, Hinckley
16th April Malcolm Clarke: Hinckley Baptist
23rd April Sheila Grice: Sapcote Methodist
30th April Simon Wearne: Holy Trinity, Hinckley

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