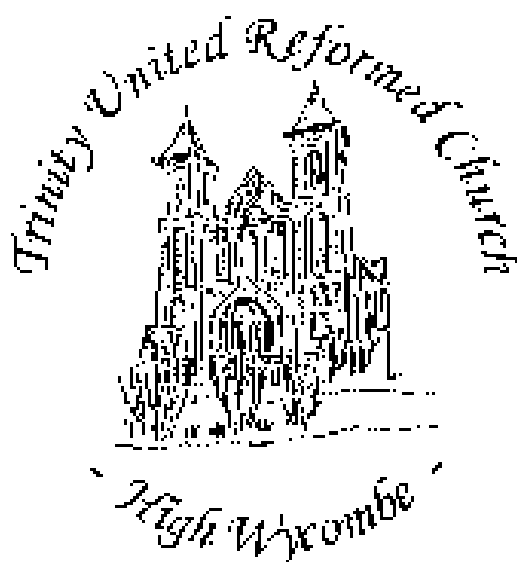


Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. *1Cor.12: 27*



**November 2010**

# ***The Recorder***

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**Trinity - A Family Church**

Worshipping together - Caring for one another - Sharing with others

Dear Friends,

The body of Christ is alive and active in our town and surrounding area.

In re-reading what I have written in this letter I've come back to this opening statement to add – **Hallelujah!** Thank God that people in our town and community are praying, caring, serving, helping, talking, sharing faith and making a difference.

Pause a moment, and think about where, when and how you see Christ at work here and now.

It is quite likely that your mind will go first to things that you are directly involved in. Maybe you are, or have been, at the receiving end of support from the church community that has made all the difference in a really difficult time. Maybe you have been privileged to be able to give that sort of encouragement and support to others. Or perhaps you help in running a group at church or in the town offering service in Christ' name, and you see lives impacted for good.

When you paused for thought a moment ago, did you think about what other churches are doing, and what Christians from many churches are combining to do? That is the starting point for the 'Prayer for Wycombe November Pilot', when 30 churches are taking 24 hours each to offer continuous prayer. Our 24 hours will be 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November. [See article for more information].

One of the big pieces of Christian work in the town is the work in schools and with young people done by Wycombe Youth for Christ. As Trinity people we know their work mainly at Lighthouse, when Erica and Paul teach and inspire. But they work all year round too. Did you know that they work in 15 local schools, including ones that some of us attend or work in? Pick up one of their November newsletters from the shelf in the Lower Schoolroom if you would like to know more.

I would be surprised if you had not had something to do with healing in your mental list of where Christ is at work. I know that many of you thank God for the NHS and all who work in our medical services. Those of us in church on 24<sup>th</sup> October were reminded by David Tester how well served we are, as he spoke about countries where medical help may be many days travel away and there is a need for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship's planes to bridge this gap.

Did you include ordinary conversation in your list of where Christ is at work? People around us have some strange, false and inaccurate ideas of Christian faith. Some reject it on the basis of those wrong ideas. What a treasure they miss! How will those views be corrected and challenged if we don't gossip the gospel?

There is an interesting event coming up in Wycombe this month that I plan to attend. It's 'Bucks Faith Café' 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. and it will be held in the new 'Arts4every1' centre [formerly St John's Church building] Desborough Rd. Everyone present will sit at a table and chat. The poster says, '*These events are for people of faith in various traditions; people of no-faith; older and younger people; and people who work in secular positions – who may or may not have faith*'. You need a ticket to go, but it's free. Let me know if you'd like to come with me and I'll get the tickets for us.

The body of Christ **is** alive and active in our town and surrounding area. Join in, and enjoy!



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## November Services

**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30am - led by the Minister** (unless otherwise stated)

- Nov. 7        Holy Communion, & 'favourite' hymns
- Nov. 14       Remembrance Sunday
- Nov. 21       All age worship
- Nov. 28       Advent Sunday, with Jeremy Moodey speaking about the work of the Biblelands Society

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### Rotas for November

Not included in this version

# What's on in November



- Nov 8th Sailing Around the Islands' by Andrew W(Host: Andrew W)  
(Postponed from last month)
- Nov 22nd Advent Decorations (Hostess: Barbara M)

## WOMEN'S MEETING

- Tuesday 2nd Nov Witches, Saints & Souls
- Tuesday 9th Nov Communion Service - taken by Rev Dr Gwen Collins  
(In sanctuary)
- Tuesday 16th Nov Favourite Poems and Readings
- Tuesday 23rd Nov Valerie Lockhart - My Job
- Tuesday 30th Nov John Standfield - DVD of holiday in Switzerland.  
Bring & Buy



*All meetings start at 2.30 in the Lower Schoolroom (unless otherwise advised)*

## Diary Dates

- November**
- 5 24/7 Prayer For Wycombe** (see separate article)
  - 10** Worship Planning Meeting 2pm
  - 13** Coffee Morning 10.30 –12noon
  - 14 Remembrance Sunday & Prayer Ministry**
  - 16 Church Meeting** 8pm
  - 20** OATs
  - 27** Coffee Morning
  - 27** Elders' Afternoon
  - 28** Advent Sunday & Prayer Ministry
- December**
- 5 Launch of URC's Vision4Life Evangelism Year**
  - 11** Coffee Morning
  - 11** Drama For Life Concert
  - 12** Gift Service
  - 14** Elders' Meeting
  - 19** Candlelight Carol Service 4.30pm
  - 24** Christmas Eve Communion
  - 25** FamilyService for Christmas Day

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## New Zealand, Taiwan explore partnership

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Delegates representing the Presbyterian Church in Aotearoa New Zealand's Auckland Presbytery arrived in Taiwan on September 30, 2010, just in time to attend Taichung Presbytery's 80th anniversary celebrations.

Auckland Presbytery and Taichung Presbytery became partner presbyteries last year.

Rev Stuart Vogel, Auckland Presbytery's Asia Mission Secretary, was introduced to PCT Headquarters in Taipei, Taiwan Church News reported.

Vogel, who spoke fluent Mandarin, had previously visited Taiwan and worked in Hakka mission 20 years ago. He reminded his hosts that both churches are members of CWM and added that he hoped this CWM connection would help both churches take their partnership to a deeper level.

He also said there were many Chinese, Singaporean, Malaysian, and Taiwanese immigrants and foreign students in New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church was looking for Taiwanese pastors and Taiwanese Christians to help it reach out to these people. He hoped that as the two churches got to know each other more, an outreach ministry for these people would emerge.

Chiohh and Hu replied that they also hoped this proposal would be considered seriously and studied closely and culminate in an outreach ministry spearheaded by both churches.

## ZIMBABWE

These are anxious times for Zimbabwe.

It is just five months until their new constitution – in process of being written - goes to referendum in January 2011. If the constitution is accepted, then a general election is expected in early in 2011. Whatever the outcome, Christian Aid's partners are doing all they can to limit the likelihood of a recurrence of the violence that marred the last election in March 2008. The situation remains peaceful so far but conflict is not far below the surface. Fellow civil society organisations and aid agencies, including Christian Aid partners, are reporting increased verbal attacks, and access issues to some communities due to the constitutional consultations taking place there.

Partners are also striving to ensure the constitutional process is open, transparent and truly representative.

In previous reports we have highlighted the work of partners Habakkuk Trust and SCMZ (Student Christian Movement of Zimbabwe). As reports come through of mounting tensions with the constitution writing process, these two partners remain crucial for Christian Aid's focus on aiding an outcome genuinely determined by the will of the Zimbabwean people.

The Habakkuk Trust reports that 'the programme (of constitutional reform) is two months behind schedule and political parties appear to be controlling the process ... Civil society, although represented in the process, is playing a cameo role as powers of negotiation lie largely with the political players.' With fears that the constitutional reform process may not be transparent, the Trust reports how it has been investigating its impact in communities.

Meanwhile SCMZ report on their recent initiatives designed to promote the non-violent political participation of youth in Zimbabwe's democratic transition.

Two other partners, ZimPro (Zimbabwe Project Trust) and Dabane Trust, are this year working on a combined project, co-funded by the UK government, that will help families grow more and diverse food. They report no restrictions to movement. Christian Aid staff in Zimbabwe are optimistic that in this coming hunger season (Jan-March 2011, when families tend to run out of food), the numbers reliant on food aid will drop for a second year running.

*Extracts from Christian Aid report to CforL Reference Group September 2010*

## JAMAICA

A state of emergency was declared for Kingston and St. Andrew in May 2010, which lasted until July. This was in response to attacks on police and military by the supporters of an alleged gang leader who was due to be extradited to the US to face drug trafficking charges, among others. During this period, curfews were imposed on sections of Kingston, and 74 persons were killed. Thousands of people, mainly young men from depressed inner-city communities, were rounded up for questioning, often in contravention of their human rights. While the violence was mainly restricted to West Kingston, the city was effectively shut down for two days, as businesses closed to protect staff and customers.

The drought being experienced for the last year finally broke with the advent of the hurricane season. To date all storms have passed the island and we hope this continues.

Jamaica passed the last two IMF tests. Although there are some small signs of recovery in some sectors of the economy (e.g. bauxite) there is continued dissatisfaction from public sector workers (most notably police and nurses) regarding delayed implementation of agreed wage increases, and there is the threat of strike action.

# The DFL Group

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## ***Education! Education! Education!***

### **A Revue for all the family**

DFL Drama for Life proudly presents a fun and festive revue for all the family of music, song, dance and drama

at

Trinity United Reformed Church, High Wycombe

on

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December – show starts at 7 pm

**Tickets – £7.50 adults and £5 concessions (under 12's and over 60's)**

Please contact Kate Y on 07818 853069 to reserve your tickets

**Hurry!** Limited tickets available

Including comedy excerpts and scenes from: The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Educating Rita, Kes, The Miracle Worker, The Lord of the Flies, Teachers, Our Day Out, The History Boys ... and our amazing, awesome and astounding pantomime **Snow White! (Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid!)**

DFL Musical Theatre for Life's choir featuring Patrick Rufey and Coral Ash singing songs from: Hair, Beauty and The Beast, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Jesus Christ Superstar, Whistle Down the Wind and much, much more!

All performed by The DFL Group's Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre For Life students aged between 8-18 years - all from local schools.

*The DFL Group's show is a non-profit raising event.*

*All proceeds to Trinity*



Update – September 2010

Here is a summary of the Revive budget as at our September church meeting,

### **FINANCE**

We have spent:	£316,770.94
We have raised:	£333,557.88 (including all loans)
We have in the bank:	£16,786.94

Of this £16,786.94, the sum of £13,500 is interest-free loans from church members. This leaves us with £3,286.94 'real' surplus.

We owe the Synod £9816.00 plus interest. At 30 September the interest rate will change from 2.75% to 5% (reduced to 3% if paid within a month).

We proposed:

1. To pay off all the Synod loan which would leave us with about £7,151 (less interest payable) in the bank.
2. To use some of this money to fix the hot water to the kitchen, Lower School Room and possibly kitchenette off Crendon Hall. There is a Health & Safety need to have safe hot water to the sinks as soon as possible.

We would then still owe £13,500 to church members who had said previously that they do not require their money back this year.

This was voted on and passed.

### **Other works**

The Revive committee will be meeting soon to consider what outstanding works from Phase 2 we might propose to the church meeting once we have more funds available, or indeed for Phase 3 (Crendon Hall) in due course.

If we find ourselves needing further loans from the Synod we may re-apply to the Grants, Loans and Property Committee (GLPC).

### **FUTURE REPORTING ON REVIVE BUDGET**

Now we are a year on from the handover from the builders it seems sensible for Sue Thorne to report on the Revive budget hereafter.

Proposal: That Sue T instead of Kate Y reports on the Revive budget at future meetings. This was voted on and agreed.

September 2010



Dear Churches & Church Leaders

We are eager to keep you and your congregation informed about our work as often as we can; to do this we need your help. We aim to send you an update, via email, each month. This will highlight our 'praises' for the work and events that have taken place and also the 'prayers' for the coming month (see below for October). *[This article received after the October Recorder had gone to press – Ed]*

If you are able to share these with your congregation (whether via email, news sheets, notice boards or other ways) it would enable us to share all that is happening. If you feel there is someone better placed within your church to help us, or you would prefer not to receive the updates, please let us know.

We hope that through these updates you are encouraged by all that God is doing through our work.

Thank you for your continued support; God Bless

Erica

(on behalf of the WYFC Team)

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## **October 2010**

### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the children who attended **Lighthouse** Hazlemere & High Wycombe in July; many of the children made commitments of faith during the week.
- Thank God for the **Schools Work** that has been booked; a number of the schools were booking us at the end of last term! This is such an encouragement and demonstrates God's blessing upon our relationships with the schools.
- Thank God for the series of **RE lessons** with the students at Wycombe High School.
- Thank God for all the children who have registered to join **The Zone after-school clubs**; we have over 40 children on the register!

### **Prayers:**

- Pray for all the **students** (children and young people), in particular those that have started schools this term. Pray that God would provide them with good friends and would help them as they settle into a new routine.
- Pray for the children who are sitting their **11+ exams**; this is a very stressful time for many of them. Please pray for them (and their families) to experience God's peace and love at this time.
- Pray for the **RE lessons** in the Secondary Schools. Pray that we would have opportunities to take lessons across the schools and for those already booked in Wycombe High, that the students would be receptive.
- Pray for the **town-centre detached work**; please pray for guidance as we look to expand this.
- Pray for the **WYFC Team**; pray that God would bless and strengthen our relationships with the children, young people and staff. Pray that as we plan the work ahead, He would guide us and provide inspiration in all we do.

## LET US PRAY

### **PRAYER FOR WYCOMBE NOVEMBER PILOT**

St Paul wrote to the Colossians to 'be persistent in prayer'. During recent years, thanks to prayer, we now have in Wycombe: Youth For Christ, Lighthouse, Wycombe Homeless Connection, Town Centre Chaplaincy, Street Angels, Healing on the Streets and flourishing churches. What could happen if we began to pray united, persistent prayer in all the churches?

The Trinity Elders agreed to support the 24/7 Prayer For Wycombe pilot which is happening throughout the month of November. We have the opportunity to participate in praying over a period of 24 hours for Wycombe on **Friday 5 November** starting at 8am. To date 30 churches in the area have signed up for this first ever venture into 24/7 prayer for our town and locality.

We will be praying in our own homes rather than at church. Please sign up to pray for half an hour or an hour or more on 5 November and help make a difference in our town.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

As part of Vision4Life Prayer year we decided to pilot in May Prayer Ministry after Sunday Morning Worship and it was felt that we should continue this but not on a weekly basis. During November and December Prayer Ministry will be available for anyone in need of prayer, either for themselves or others, in the vestry on the second and fourth Sunday in the month. It is totally confidential and there will always be two Elders to listen and pray.

*Marian*

## **CALLING ALL THESPIANS**



Are you a thespian, or thinking about becoming one, then you are in luck. Kate Pryde has written a pantomime for Trinity and we would like to perform it towards the end of February next year. It's about Jack and the Beanstalk and has all the usual characters like Jack and his Mum – the Dame, Jill his girlfriend, The Ogre and not forgetting Daisy the cow. There are parts for a chorus of villagers and we also need help behind the scenes with costumes and scenery so we need lots of people to take part. It's a very amusing script and will be a lot of fun. So don't be shy, don't hide your light under a bushel, just let me know that you are interested. I look forward to hearing from you - OH YES I DO - so please don't make me have to do any arm twisting !!!

*Margaret*

*Come to the BUCKS FAITH CAFÉ to be held in Wycombe during national Inter-Faith Week:*

**Date:** Wednesday 24 November

**Time:** 6.15 to 9.30pm

**Venue:** Arts4every1—the new arts centre housed in the former St Johns Church building, Desborough Road, High Wycombe HP11 2PU

You'll have the opportunity to meet some people from different faith traditions and some of no faith, and together discuss topical issues. The idea is to have a lively conversation at your café table, just 5 people to a table, and then move on to a new table for a new but linked conversation. Et cetera.

AND of course you also get the chance to see the new Arts Centre—this will be one of the first events to be held there.

The evening event is FREE, funded by a grant from FAITHS IN ACTION through the Community Development Foundation.

You need to book your free ticket via <http://bucksfaithcafe-in-wycombe.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions contact the project leader Dave Furze 07803 897 135  
[bucksfaithcafe@live.co.uk](mailto:bucksfaithcafe@live.co.uk)

### **“Reform” - 2011**

The time has come round once more for me to place our group order for the Reform Magazines.

I will be contacting present subscribers but are there any more of you who would be interested in subscribing to the magazine of the United Reformed Church? The cost for the year is £19.80 covering 11 copies, (July and August are published together). The magazine contains articles, bible study, reviews of books and music, news, what's going on in other churches, a puzzle page and much more. If anyone would like to see a copy to help decide whether to place an order please let me know.

I will need to send in the order with payment by the middle of November so if you are interested would you please contact me by Sunday 14 November. If paying by cheque please make payable to 'Mrs K. Evans'

An order can be placed at any time if you decide you are interested at a later date.

Thank you.

Kay E



I will be round in mid December asking for donations of mince pies, sausage rolls etc. for the Carols by Candlelight service on 19th December. May I thank you in advance for your kindness, you never let me down.

Blessings Anne x

## News from September's Synod meeting

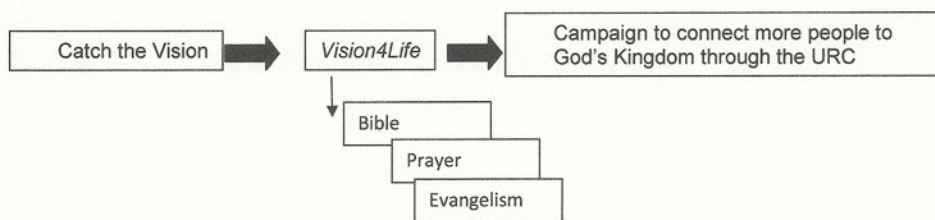
Here is a brief summary of what took place during my first Synod meeting as Trinity's representative:

### 1. URC's marketing and identity campaign

Denese Chikwendu gave a presentation on the forthcoming URC's marketing and identity advertising campaign. The theme is 'Radical Welcome' and is the UK version of the USA 'God is Still Speaking' campaign that you may have heard Gwen speak of.

The campaign is part of the Vision 2020 framework, to make clear the URC's identity and to connect it to people inside and outside the church. Each local church will decide if it wants to be part of the campaign and will undergo training if they do.

#### How did we get to this point?



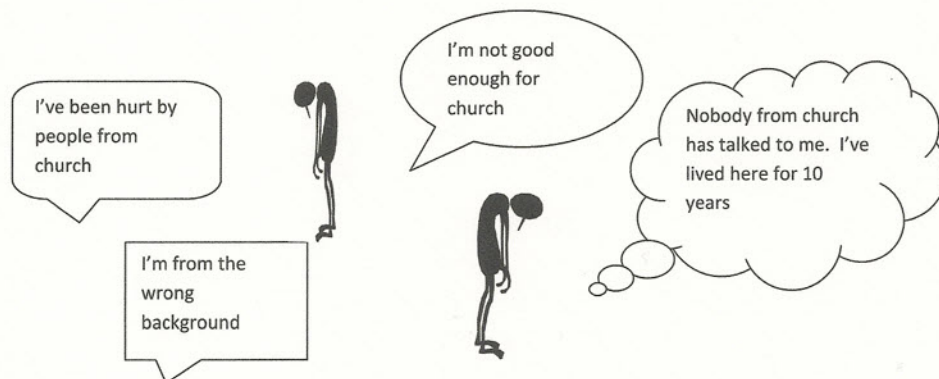
32 million UK adults are totally disconnected from church and Christianity  
3 million would probably come to church if asked

The campaign will not be 'one size fits all' – materials can be adapted for local churches. It will give us exceptional opportunities:

- to connect with more people to grow God's kingdom
- to communicate the URC and its clear direction
- be sensitive to ecumenical partnerships
- create a journey of theological exploration

#### How will the campaign help churches?

To counter comments like:



## 2. Movement of ministers in the Synod

Chiltern Area has four new ministers – Nigel Douglas at Beaconsfield & Holtspur; Anthony Howells at Fairford Leys, Aylesbury; Bridget Powell (now stipendiary half time) at Chesham; Barbara McIntivey at Colnbrook & Poyle United.

Other ministerial changes were reported.

## 3. Synod election procedure amendment

Some minor amendments were made to the process of the election of members to go to General Assembly, and to the election of Area Committee members.

## 4. Youth and Children's Work Committee

Simon Rudiger, the new CYDO (Children and Youth Development Officer), Soo Webster and Heather Pugsley gave presentations on *Children's Assembly*, *FURY*, *Pilots*, and the older *V&N* group.

**Children's Assembly:** Thames North Synod had 3 reps who had a great time.

**March 2011 Synod:** This will have a parallel Children's Synod.

**Pilots:** Big celebration at Warwick Castle with theme of 'The Whole Armour of God'. Next year is their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Fury:** January 2011 Assembly is open to any youngsters of 14 years and over

## 5. Reports from General Assembly

- Some constitutional changes were passed (mostly as a result of bi-annual Assemblies rather than annual). New guidelines on conduct and behaviour for ministers, CRCWs and elders have been produced.
- A Model Constitution has been created and is on the URC website, particularly for those churches registering as a charity.
- Vetting & Barring (the proposed scheme to run alongside CRBs) is off the agenda.
- Resolution of ministers' working hours – minimum of 160 hours and maximum of 192 hours over a four-week period for full-time stipendiary ministers
- URC Community Project Awards – third place won by High Cross, Tottenham, for peaceful conflict resolution amongst young people
- Finance report – in the main it's good news with income of £23.2m exceeding expenditure. 89% of unrestricted income comes from M&M payments. Expenditure is £22.5m of which 82% is spend on Ministry.
- Ethical investment – agreed a Recommended Mandate for Investors. The Nestle boycott will be lifted if and when they are listed in the "FTSE4Good" Index.
- Westminster College appeal for £5m to make it fit for purpose

**Please see me if you want to know more about any of the above.**

**Kate Y, Synod representative**



## Thames North Synod QUIET DAY for ADVENT

*Date: Thursday 25th November 2010  
10.30 am to 3.30 pm*

*Venue: Winchmore Hill URC, 77 Compton Road,  
Winchmore Hill, London, N21 3NU*

*An Advent Quiet Day  
Leader The Revd Ray Adams*



*Tea and coffee will be available during the day. A suggested donation of £5 per person towards lunch (to be prepared by Fredwyn Hoiser) would be very welcome. Please see Marian Mole for booking form and travel details*



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### Booking rooms at Trinity

We are pleased to say that in addition to our regular hirings, our occasional hirings are increasing. If you want to book any of our rooms or facilities please do so through Sarah & Simon ([lettings@trinity-urc.org.uk](mailto:lettings@trinity-urc.org.uk) or 440965) to make sure that you don't find yourself double-booked with someone else!

Our thanks go to Sarah and Simon for all they do with the lettings, and to Rose in her role as welcomer.

Kate, on behalf of the Lettings Management Group



# Happy Birthday



This month we would like to wish

Grandma B (9<sup>th</sup>)

Willie M (14<sup>th</sup>)

Ben L (16<sup>th</sup>)

Rev Gwen (19<sup>th</sup>)

Ellen C (26<sup>th</sup>)

A Very Happy Birthday  
with love from all at Trinity.

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# Congratulations



with Best Wishes to

Julia S (9<sup>th</sup>)

on celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
With love from us all at Trinity

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Closing date for contributions is Friday 19th November*

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# prayer page

## All Souls' Day – 2 November

Merciful Father,  
hear our prayer and console us.  
As we renew our faith in Your Son,  
whom You raised from the dead,  
strengthen our hope that all our de-  
parted brothers and sisters  
will share in His resurrection,  
who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen



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Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon  
them.  
May they rest in peace.

### A night prayer

Watch, O Lord,  
with those who wake,  
or watch or weep tonight,  
and give your angels charge  
over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones,  
O Lord Jesus Christ;  
rest your weary ones;  
bless your dying ones;  
soothe your suffering ones;  
pity your afflicted ones;  
shield your joyous ones;  
and all for your love's sake.  
Amen.

### Advent

O God,  
as light comes from a candle,  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
warming our hearts and  
brightening our way.  
May Christ our Saviour bring life  
into the darkness of this world,  
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

### Weekly prayers through November:

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Celebrate the month of Prayer for Wycombe and pray for those praying!<br>(Trinity's commitment is for 5 November)          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Pray for URC churches as we start the Prayer Year as part of Vision4Life   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Give thanks for clean water on tap!  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Pray for our Junior Church leaders, Julia, Sarah and Linda, and the new way of running<br>Junior Church sessions from 2011 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Pray for those planning the start of the 2011 Winter Night Shelter   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Pray for your next-door-neighbour  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Pray for peace-makers across the world   |