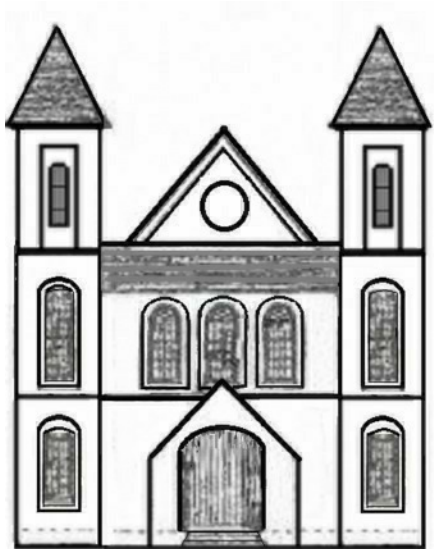


Wye Connect



The joint magazine of Trinity & Cores End
United Reformed Churches



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Sunday worship

May 2022

Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Happy Easter! May the peace and joy of the risen Lord fill us with new hope and courage.

The season of Easter will continue for most of May leading onto Ascension Day (on 26 May) and Pentecost (on 5 June). At the heart of the Gospel resurrection stories are encounter with the risen Jesus and the commission to go and tell. For those first disciples the resurrection of Jesus was not an abstract truth or act of remarkable faith, it was an overwhelming and shocking experience. Their grief was turned to joy, their failure turned to new courage, their doubts overcome by the reality of Christ alive. Jesus greets them with the words 'Peace be with you' and their lives are transformed. From that experience the church was born, and this is something we return to again and again as we encounter Christ anew in scripture, sacrament, prayer, conversation and loving service. I encourage you to use this season of Easter to come back to that foundational experience – the presence and peace of the risen Lord. Why not read the different resurrection stories at the end of the four gospels (and the 15th chapter of Paul's letter to the Corinthians) and allow the words to sink deep within you? 'That Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!'

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now
And touching every place and time.

The encounter leads to action. The risen Jesus invites his disciples to be his witnesses, promising them the Spirit to empower and guide them, sending them out in his name. John's Gospel pictures this as Jesus saying to the disciples, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you' and breathing his Spirit into them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' This is then underlined with a story of fishing, which is clearly more about fishing for people than fish and the challenge to Peter to care for the sheep.

Faith has to be active in love, the experience of the love of Christ has to be communicated and shared. So I encourage you to use this season of Easter to do something for God, be it speaking of your faith to another person or helping someone in need or campaigning for change in our society. Christianity has to be lived – faith with our action is dead.

There are opportunities to do this this month as the churches of our area take part in Christian Aid Week ((15-21 May) and Love Wycombe, a mission initiative that extends across the whole of this corner of Buckinghamshire. The campaign has three prongs:

- ☐ prayer for our neighbourhoods, street by street (from 8 May)
- ☐ social action for the good of our neighbours, which for our two churches is going to involve litter picks (on 7 and 15 May).
- ☐ A central act of worship and witness at the Guildhall in High Wycombe on 12 June (which will take the place of our morning worship at Trinity and to which members of Cores End are also invited, even though we will be holding our normal service there)

Before that we celebrate Ascension Day (on 26 May) that begins 10 days of prayer for those yet to know the love of Christ for themselves, a global and ecumenical initiative – 'Thy Kingdom come'. That leads onto Pentecost Sunday on 5 June which corresponds with the Queen's Jubilee. As part of that Cores End will be holding a tea (hopefully in the grounds) and songs of praise at 4 pm that Sunday (do put it in your diaries).

Christ sends us out – invites us to open the doors and get out there. That outward direction of movement is critical to the life of the church, just like breathing in and out is essential for our lives. 'The Church exists by mission, just as fire exists by burning.' (Emil Brunner) May that fire burn bright in the month ahead.

Happy Easter! May the love of the risen Lord inspire us once more.



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01628 525076

The minister's day off is Friday every week. Please contact your elder if there is a particular need to seek assistance on a Friday.

The next edition will be published on Sunday 29th May. Contributions by Sunday 22nd please.

editor@trinity-urc.org.uk

Worship in May

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at both churches

Our thanks to all who led worship, read or provided music at our two churches in April.

Legal Restrictions have now ended by government but Covid19 cases in our area and in the UK are still very high, though there has possibly been some decline recently. As church communities we continue to proceed cautiously and slowly, to ensure risks are minimised and the vulnerable are kept safe. **We have decided at both churches that at present wearing of masks in church should be left to personal choice, but please continue to take care when at church** (social distancing as appropriate) and of course do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms (or test positive). Please be especially careful and sensitive to those who are more vulnerable, cautious or anxious about the virus. We review our precautions regularly at both churches, ready to tighten or loosen them as is most helpful and caring to each other. If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact the minister or elders.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND CARING

We are continuing to stream the service from Trinity every Sunday so that those who are still confined to home can watch the service. Many thanks to the Techie team for doing this.

Worship online and in church

10.30 am at Trinity Church and streamed service – the link is bit.ly/trinityhw

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| 1 May | Worship with Holy Communion led by Terry Hinks |
| 8 May | Worship led by Steve Burton |
| 15 May | Christian Aid Week: All age worship led by Terry Hinks
<i>followed by litter pick</i> |
| 22 May | Worship led by Bryan Long |
| 29 May | Worship led by Terry Hinks |

10.30 am at Cores End Church

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| 3 May | Worship led by David Reynolds |
| 10 May | Worship with Holy Communion led by Terry Hinks |
| 17 May | Worship led by Rebecca Hawes |
| 22 May | Worship at the end of Christian Aid Week led by Terry Hinks |
| 29 May | Worship led by the Praise Group |

Afternoon Worship for Pentecost on 5 June at Cores End: 4 pm tea and 5 pm Pentecost Praise

Junior Church: sessions (or alternative activities) continue at both churches.

For more details of our activities with children please contact the Junior Church Leaders. There are also materials for children and families at <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>.

Easter Prayer Stations at Cores End

The grounds at Cores End Church are a lovely place to be still, pause and reflect. During May the Easter prayer stations will remain around the grounds, to help people reflect on the love, truth and peace of Christ. All are welcome to come and use these points for personal reflection and prayer.

People News from the Churches

Not included in this version

Changes of address:

There is a new e-mail address for Trinity Lettings - trinityhwlettings@gmail.com

Tina Walker also has a new e-mail address. Anyone who needs it should contact her.

Elders' Nominations at Cores End **Over to you!**

We are seeking nominations for elders at Cores End. Church members should approach the person they feel would make a good elder to get their permission to nominate (or ask someone else to do so on their behalf). The person needs to be willing to stand and have a seconder. Names of those nominated should be given in writing to the minister (or a serving elder) so that a conversation can be had with the nominee before their name is brought to church meeting.

Please start thinking of who might be asked now. There will be a month of nominations starting from our next **Church Meeting on Sunday 22 May**, with the list of nominations notified to the congregation by Sunday 3 July, before the **AGM which is to be held on Monday 18 July**.

Thank you for your Generous Giving

Thank you for your continued support of the churches' work, through your regular giving and donations. If you would like to give to the church by Standing Order, bank transfer or cheque please contact the treasurers for more details:

(Cores End) - dandrbailey@tiscali.co.uk

(Trinity) - treasurer@trinity-urc.org.uk



Church Correspondence

The Work of Church Secretary is being shared by elders and minister at present. Church Correspondence should be sent to

(Trinity) secretary@trinity-urc.org.uk

(Cores End) berylgeoffbritt@gmail.com



Praying Together

Prayer Chains

Both churches operate Prayer Chains so do use these. The first point of contact is:

- ☐ David R or Terry (at Cores End) david@dkreynolds.plus.com
- ☐ Rosemary T or Terry (at Trinity). johnandrosemary@outlook.com

If you would like to be part of either Prayer Chain please get in touch.

Trinity Prayers (Wednesday Mornings, via Zoom) 9.30 am on 4 and 18 May. More information from Kate Y, Sue T or Terry.

24/7 Prayer for Wycombe contact Jane Franklin prayer@ccfh.org.uk if you would like to go on the mailing list.

Wye Churches Community Prayer takes place on Wednesdays at 4pm. The prayers move around the churches – and you are welcome to join the group at any time: There will prayers on Zoom on 6 May and then a break for the Easter holidays with Prayers on Zoom again on 4 May. Contact Terry for more details.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative: runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost (26 May – 5 June) and is a global and ecumenical wave of prayer focused especially on those who are yet to know God in their lives. See the website for more details and resources. Thy Kingdom Come



Visits to other faith places of worship (as part of Faith And Cultural Awareness Training) is still being planned by Peter Tate (a local Faiths & Cultures Trainer) working with Churches Together in High Wycombe Town Centre. We hope to have dates for visits over the summer soon.

Forthcoming Bank Holidays in England and Wales

2 May	Monday	Early May bank holiday
2 June	Thursday	Spring bank holiday
3 June	Friday	Platinum Jubilee bank holiday

Reaching out

WYCOMBE REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP

You can find updates on the WRP Facebook page or receive their newsletter; see the website www.wycombe-refugees.org

ONE CAN Please Keep Collecting

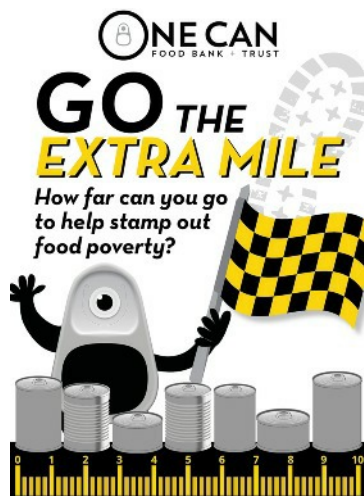
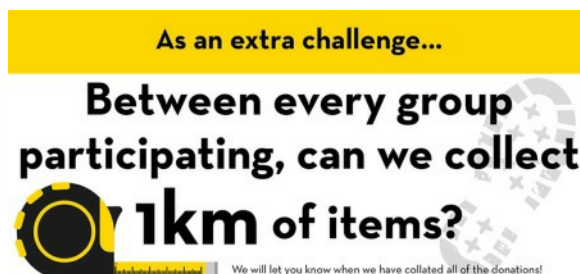
Thank you for continuing to give to the One Can Foodbank at church and through its many collecting points. The need is still increasing and One Can has had to draw on reserve funds to meet the need over the winter and spring period.

COMPASSION UK

For more information about *Compassion UK*, please visit www.compassionuk.org. Donations to support Mary and Cristian (the two children sponsored by Trinity) and the wider work of Compassion UK can be sent to the Trinity Treasurer, Sue Thorne suethorne24@btinternet.com 01494 564635.

LENT 2022 Jars of Change

Both churches have been supporting the Water Aid Lent Appeal. If you have collected a 'Jar of Change' or have a donation for the work do bring it to church as soon as possible. Alternatively visit the website www.wateraid.org/uk to give a donation online.



The idea is to collect as many tins of food as you can, line them up in the playground (or other suitable area) and measure how far they go.

Please send in any photos that you are happy for us to share on social media so we can celebrate those who have taken part.



Tuesday Fellowship

Although small in numbers, the Tuesday Fellowship is still positive and enjoying each other's company.

At our last meeting with Olive, she gave us a list of dates with the occasional comment against specific dates, so we knew what celebrations she wanted us to explore, Mothering Sunday as an example. For the blank dates we took this to be our challenge, to talk and explore further how we would organise the programme from the list. It has been challenging with quite a few blank dates on the list, but after discussions some of us have agreed to present a short talk on a subject of our choice.

Prior to talks we weekly hold devotions, again sharing this quiet time with each other and being led by volunteers. Terry has led Holy Communion with us, which is very special, and another date has been put in the diary for him to come and celebrate Holy Communion again.

We always find time towards the end of our meeting, to have a cup of tea and biscuit.

We've all agreed that the short time we spend together on a Tuesday is very enjoyable and we look forward to future meetings. If you are happy to join us on a Tuesday, you would be very welcome.

We miss Olive being with us, as she has always been inspiring and challenging, especially when she presents us with Quiz days!!

Rest assured she is very much in our thoughts and prayers, looking forward to the day she will be well enough to lead our Tuesday Fellowship once again.

Blessings to you all

Rosemary

Dear friends,

Thank you all for your good wishes and prayerful support since I was taken ill earlier this year - much appreciated. The messages were encouraging and uplifting, helping in my recovery. I am being well looked after, making steady progress and achieving a little more each day without overstretching myself.

I hope to see you all in the not too distant future when feeling stronger and less tired.

With love and best wishes,

Suzanne



Christian Aid Week
15-21 May 2022

There will be Christian Aid envelopes at church for those who would like to give in that way (or you can donate online). Cores End Church is arranging a simple lunch on 22 May, after morning worship. Members of both churches are very welcome. If you would like to come please contact Muriel Wilson or Ann Pendergast.

Praying for Ukraine



KEEP PRAYING

Reform: The April edition of *Reform* focused on Ukraine, how churches are responding to the war, and what more we can do. The moving cover reminds us to keep Ukraine in our prayers. Get your copy of Reform [here](#).

Resources for prayer: there are many prayer resources including those from Christian Aid [Prayers from Christian Aid](#) and from the URC [United Reformed Church Prayers for Ukraine](#)

Ribbons are being tied on the railings at both churches by people wanting to remember Ukraine and pray for its peace and well being.

Loving hearts in blue and yellow were displayed at Trinity with prayer concerns for the situation written on them by the congregation



THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS

Link to Hope continue to help people who are affected by the Ukraine crisis, regardless of colour, creed, religion or nationality. Their work is focussed on 3 key areas:

- Helping refugees to escape Ukraine
- Helping refugees who have escaped Ukraine and gone to Romania & Moldova
- Sending in humanitarian aid sourced locally into Ukraine.

£310 has recently been sent from Cores End URC to Link to Hope to support their efforts. The charity has been working among the poorest communities in Ukraine for many years (and both churches support its Shoebox Appeal.)

DEC Ukraine Appeal: The Disasters Emergency Committee is a coalition of over 15 aid organisations (including Christian Aid). Their appeal will be matched pound for pound by donations from the UK Government's previously allocated funds. Trinity sent £130 in April and more donations are welcome. You can donate online here: [Donate here](#).

LET'S NOT FORGET THE OTHER PLACES OF CONFLICT AND INJUSTICE

Council for World Mission March 2022

As we've journeyed towards the death and triumphant resurrection of Christ, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, Moderator Right Rev Hamish Galloway encourages us to navigate pandemic-related tension, temptation and taunts with resilience; while Yonsei university Korea lecturer Sigamoney Shakespeare's Ash Wednesday reflection calls on us to stand in fearless solidarity with the vulnerable, emboldened by our vulnerable God.



Presbyterian Church in Taiwan statement on the war in Ukraine: Has released an open letter addressing the war in Ukraine on the 75th anniversary of the February 28 massacre, which was an anti-government uprising met with violent suppression in Taiwan. Knowing full well from experience that authoritarian governments and dictators do not represent the hearts of its people.

Protestant Church in the Netherlands organises live broadcast of Prayer for Ukraine: The Netherlands organised a time of prayer for Ukraine in the Domkerk in Utrecht on Ash Wednesday. This prayer for peace and justice in Ukraine was broadcast live by KRONCRV, a Dutch public broadcasting company, and led by Rev Rene de Reuver, General Secretary.

Church of South India General Secretary's Message: C. Fernanda's Rathina Raja has exhorted church members to work towards unity and compassion in his message in a recent issue of CSI Life. In the editorial, he wrote about moving forward towards a fuller communion of faith and love, with respect for legitimate theological and liturgical variety.

Time of Repentance and Renewal: Vulnerability of God invites for repentance, communion in solidarity and resistance with the vulnerable communities and nature by Sigamoney Shakespeare, the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon Lencten meaning Spring. Traditionally believers spend a lot of time meditating, fasting, and praying during lent. Some church traditions emphasise fasting and sharing with the poor.

Statement of the Racial Justice Advocacy Forum on Racial discrimination amidst invasion of Ukraine: Calls for coverage, prayer and action for people facing racial discrimination amidst the invasion of Ukraine. The Racial Justice Advocacy Forum condemns the invasion of Ukraine, it is deeply saddened by the loss of life. The destruction of homes and businesses.

eDARE 2022 Call for proposals: Current international crises e.g. the invasion of Ukraine, the war against Tigray, the military coup of Myanmar- on top of the ongoing global crises due to poverty and hunger, unfair distribution of wealth and resources, the Covid pandemic, climate change, among others – underscore the need for liberation. CWM thus invites your contribution.

CWM organises World Day of Prayer 2022 in solidarity with Myanmar and Ukraine: gathered more than 100 participants from CWM member churches and ecumenical partners worldwide for a time of prayer and to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Myanmar and Ukraine. Held virtually in March, the timely prayer and sharing session organised by the CWM East.

Hot meals for school children in Madagascar: A catastrophic food crisis in Southern Madagascar which faced its worst drought in 40 years, has pushed over a million people to starvation. Money for Madagascar, the UK based charity administers the money raised by the Union.

Online kids chapel by Church of South India South Kerala Diocese: Church of South Kerala Diocese launched a new online worship platform for children last year, inaugurated by the mod Rev A Dharmaraj Rasalam, Bishop in South Kerala Diocese. The initiative by the board for Christian Education uses child friendly liturgy to provide spiritual learning experience for children.

Kind regards

Rosemary

For any further information go to the website:- [Home - Council for World Mission \(cwmission.org\)](http://Home - Council for World Mission (cwmission.org))

The **Wycombe Homeless Connection** annual service of thanksgiving and celebration is taking place on Thursday 5th May.

We would love you to join us as we reflect on the year gone by and give thanks for the blessings we have received.

Everyone is welcome and we hope you might also share this invitation with anyone you think may be interested.

People are welcome to join us at the church and the service will also be live streamed. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Where: Trinity United Reformed Church, London Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BJ and online

When: 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start followed by refreshments.

Link to view live stream on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/o4sEcpkH2z4>

Job opportunity at Wycombe Homeless Connection

Fundraising and marketing coordinator: part-time with flexible options; starting salary range £24,000 - £26,500pa pro rata; office-based in Wycombe with some evening and weekend work occasionally, some home-working considered.

This role is a great opportunity for someone who loves to work with people and would love to develop relationships with our supporters, helping them as they raise awareness and money so we can fulfil our mission. We're looking for someone organised, great at communication and creative.

Because of the context of this, there is an occupational requirement for the post-holders to be Christian.

Visit www.wyhoc.org.uk for full information, application forms and details on how to apply, or call 01494 447699 for more details.

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HOMELESS CONNECTION

Donate today: www.wyhoc.org.uk/donate

Shop Packaging Free!

Easter Saturday (if you don't mind me calling it that), I did my greenest shopping of the year, so far.

I cycled to Marlow on the foot/cycle path beside the Marlow Road which ends at Rookery Gardens near the Dean Street car park. I took my empty hand soap, washing-up and fabric conditioner bottles to the refill shop there. On one side of the shop, they have vats of different detergents, for example, three different flavours of hand soap to choose from, rose, cucumber or unscented. In the other half, there are foodstuffs and it's amazing how much is in a relatively small space.

There are a lot of these refill shops springing up and I recommend taking a look.

Ann W

The Charity Commission has updated its guidance for the charity sector to remind trustees that the more flexible approach to charities holding meetings outside of the terms of their governing documents came to an end on **21 April 2022**. *All charities that wish to continue holding online or telephone meetings of trustees should check that their governing document allows them to do so.*

This could be relevant to any members of the congregation with trustee's responsibilities (eg Elders).



LOVE WYCOMBE 2022

Love Wycombe is bigger than ever, drawing together churches from across High Wycombe and the surrounding area. The organisers write:

PRAYER WALKING

The Love Wycombe Prayer Walk is an initiative uniting churches across the High Wycombe area.

Together, our aim is to prayer-walk every street during the 6 weeks from Sunday 1 May to Sunday 12 June, as part of Love Wycombe, saturating our town with the love of Jesus, and inviting his kingdom to come in this place.

SOCIAL ACTION

Together, as part of Love Wycombe, we want to show God's love practically and generously to our town.... imagine how great it will be when churches across Wycombe join together by doing this in their area of the town.

The key ingredients for community events is that they are FREE and LOCAL, a practical example of God's EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY to those nearby to your church. Community events can be a great place of CONNECTION as you meet with others living in your neighbourhood.

CORES END AND TRINITY CHURCHES ARE HOLDING LITTER PICKS TO HELP IMPROVE THE LOCAL AREA. *There will be pickers and bags provided (do bring gloves). Cores End's Litter Pick is from 10 am on Saturday 7 May, starting at the church carpark. Trinity's is on Sunday 15 May after morning worship. Sign up on the lists in church or contact the minister if you hope to come, so we have an idea of numbers.*

CELEBRATION

Join us on the High Street at 11am on Sunday 12 June, to worship with one voice.

At this time, we are hoping to hear from anyone who is interested in being involved on the day! We need help with:

- ☑ First Aiders – *fully qualified to serve at an event of this size.*
- ☑ Sign Language Interpreters
- ☑ Charity Stalls Liaison
- ☑ Hosting Team Leader – *experience of Hosting/Stewarding an event of this size.*
- ☑ Hosting Team Member
- ☑ Support Services – *Information Desk, Accessibility*



LOVE WYCOMBE?

As we pray for the Wycombe area, work for its good and prepare to celebrate God's love for all, let's ask two questions:

What do you three things like about your community? What three improvements would you like to see happen?

Bring your answers to church or email the minister.

The Wye Connect School of Cookery



Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 5 - 6 minutes

225g SR flour

Pinch of salt

1 tsp mixed spice

50g margarine 50g

lard

80g castor sugar

75g sultanas / currants

1 large egg (lightly beaten)

Rub the fats, salt and flour together to make fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar and fruit and mix well. Pour in the egg and mix to a softish dough. (Do not overwork.)

Roll out on a floured surface – 5mm thick. Cut out and griddle on a medium heat for 4 minutes each side. Once cooked dust with a little castor sugar and eat warm.

(Add some ground cinnamon to the sugar to give the cakes a little something extra!)

[Makes 12]

The **GREEN** Page

Trinity Church now has a bronze eco award too

Last month we featured Cores End URC's Bronze Award; this month it's Trinity Church's turn!



Our own Environmental Audit

Thank you to all who have been filling in the 'environmental audit'. Some have found this more useful than others, but we hope it has been an opportunity to reflect on the way we live and how we might take extra steps in our care for the planet. Hopefully we can also have conversations as the results of the survey are brought back to the churches.

The easiest way to take part is to use the SurveyMonkey online survey which is found by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RNXJJLK>. There are also paper versions at both churches for those who do not like using computers!

Next Work Party on the Cores End Meadow

Thanks to everyone who helped plant the hedging in March. Our next work party is on Saturday 14 May (10 – 11.30 am). The next task is planting a few more trees and creating some proper compost heaps. For more information contact Terry Hinks.

Eco Church for young people: A Rocha reports, 'To encourage a new generation to act to support biodiversity and reduce their own carbon emissions, Eco Church Kids resources (for 4-7's) and our Eco Church Youth Resources (for 11-14s) are now available. Do take a look at [Kids - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](https://arocha.org.uk). We want to demonstrate the gospel is good news for God's earth. For more resources to enable children and young people to explore nature and care for our planet through indoor and outdoor activities, have a look at our educational plans for Key Stage 1 and 2: [Education plans \(arocha.org.uk\)](https://arocha.org.uk). These can also be adapted for a church or youth group setting.'

SPECIAL EVENT IN THAMES NORTH SYNOD



Come and Celebrate the **JUBILEE!**

Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June 2022

THAMES NORTH SYNOD YOUTH RESIDENTIAL at
LAMBOURNE END OUTDOOR CENTRE in ESSEX

Join other young people in our synod for 3 days of outdoor activities, games, bible stories and party excitement. Together celebrating the theme Jubilee.





Cost: £20 per person (excluding transport)
Age 11 - 15 years (must be in year 7)
Register your interest with Lorraine by 04/04/22.
Spaces are limited.
cydo@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

Thames North Synod Environmental Policy 2022

GOOD NEWS!

Three resolutions were passed overwhelmingly at the March Synod:

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: As part of its strategy to implement the URC Environmental Policy and to respond to the growing climate and ecological crisis, Thames North Synod meeting on 26 March 2022, adopts the Thames North Synod Environmental Policy 2022, *a copy of which is now online at <https://urc.org.uk/your-church/church-local-and-global/become-an-eco-church-or-congregation/>* If you want to see a paper copy contact Terry

2. IMPLEMENTATION: Synod asks all local churches and their members, together with Synod bodies throughout Thames North, to identify actions that they can take to implement the policy. *It is good that both our churches are progressing as Eco Churches as this is a crucial part of the strategy to implement, but there is still much to do, especially in the areas of buildings and lifestyles. Synod committee and groups are being asked to consider how they can support local churches and help them to move the carbon zero and to make positive impacts on the environment..*

3. GREEN APOSTLES: Synod appoints Terry Hinks, Peter Skerratt, Jill Nugent and Maggie Hindley to be Synod Green Apostles to (with as outlined at the Synod held 20 March 2021) to promote the Environmental Policy. *They will be part of team with others involved in supporting the work. They have met and are focusing work initially on making contact with churches, finding someone who will act as a local church advocate in this, seeing 'where churches are at' in terms of their care for God's creation and encouraging all to become part of the eco church programme.*

Prayer Page



Prayer for Christian Aid

Dionne Gravesande (Christian Aid)

In the midst of silence words are not spoken,
No translations required.
In the depth of silence, I am called to listen.
Listen to your heartbeat, and the blowing of your wind.
Listen to the movement and diversity of the Spirit.
Be still, says the Lord and know that I am God.
Listen to the cry of the voiceless.
Listen to the poor and excluded.
Listen to the hungry and oppressed.
Listen to the widows and her children.
Be swift to hear and slow to speak.
You are called to love and serve all humanity.
You are called to stand with the lost and broken.
You are called to establish God's values
throughout the earth.
Spirit of God, breathe on us again,
That we might hear, see and build a shared life.
Mould us and open us up to new dreams and new hopes,
A new life in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for Healthcare for the World

Charles Jolly

Life-giving God,
We pray for a new Earth where individuals matter more than profits;
where women and children are empowered;
where special need, ill-health, other ability or disadvantage is no bar to a fulfilling life; where
vested interests do not prevent anyone from accessing medical treatment.
We ask for clean water, decent sanitation, living space and health education for all people,
especially those forced to crowd together in vast conurbations,
Above all, we thank you for ordinary people making change happen:
Village Health Workers in Zimbabwe teaching Covid-19 precautions to remote communities;
The Shisamondnay Forum in Bangladesh,
promoting healthy vegetables for children to eat;
UNES in Central America working with local health teams to tackle environmental health problems.
The Palestinian Agricultural Development Association and YMCA rehabilitation
programme for people injured in conflict.
And for every unsung hero whose love, your love, overflows into
selfless action.
For the sake of Jesus Christ who came to heal this suffering world.
Amen.



Picture Page



The Fifth Prayer station at Cores End URC – the Garden



Prayers for Ukraine outside Flackwell Methodist Church



Stained glass at Trinity



Not what it seems? This wreath was knitted - by Beryl

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Please continue to send in your photos to photos@trinity-urc.org.uk