

# **Wye Connect**



The joint magazine of Trinity & Cores End  
United Reformed Churches



**September 2022**

## Pastoral letter

Dear friends,

Well, it was a scorcher! Even the start of the school holidays didn't bring rain, even though it has come in recent days. September may remain warm – an 'Indian summer' is always possible, but in time summer will drift into autumn – the season of mellow fruitfulness.

Much of the harvest is in, but perhaps some apples are yet to be picked and vegetables that have survived the extreme heat. The seasons have become blurred and erratic in recent years due in part to climate change, but we still have a harvest for which to give thanks at our harvest festivals later in September (18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity and 25<sup>th</sup> at Cores End).

I love the seasons and hope that we can continue to enjoy that movement between them, even though we also know that in this island nation sometimes we can experience all four seasons in one day!

The famous passage from Ecclesiastes begins with the words: 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. September marks four special seasons in our life as Christian communities:

**The Season of Creation** runs from 1 September to 4 October (St Francis' Day) and involves Christians of many different backgrounds across the world. It is an opportunity to reflect on our relationship to the whole created order and our responsibility to all who share this planet with us. This year the theme is 'listening to creation', challenging us to really take notice of wildlife around us and to take seriously the cries of the natural world. How will you listen to nature, recognising God's hand in creation?

**The Season of Invitation** began as 'Back to Church Sunday' in 2004, which was an annual opportunity for churches across the UK and abroad to invite people to come with them to church. It then evolved into a longer period of invitation, using the festivals of harvest, remembrance and Christmas. It has slipped into the background but remains a good reminder that the autumn is a great opportunity to invite someone to come to a church event with you, whether they have been to church before or not. Also, following on from all the upheaval of the last few years, we need to reach out to those who no longer come to church. Who will you invite?

**A Season of Thanksgiving** focusses on our harvest festivals and 'all good gifts around us'. This harvest both churches are remembering again those who are struggling to feed themselves or their families. We'll be responding to the Christian Aid East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal, as millions in nations of that area face famine and water shortages, following the worst drought in forty years. We'll also collect produce for the One Can Foodbank, helping people in our local area facing financial crisis together with food and fuel poverty. How can we help banish hunger?

**The new school year** as children change classes or schools, go to college or university. Their new beginnings challenge us all whatever our age or abilities to consider what new beginning we want to make in our lives – and what new beginning God wants to make in our lives and the life of the church. As we celebrate fifty years in the life of the United Reformed Church (formed on 5 October 1972) we remember our church's desire to help bring unity to the whole Christian Church and its 'right and readiness' to change. What change is needed in our church, nationally, regionally and locally? How can we better live out God's vision of a world transformed, but grace and peace, love and hope?

May this be a fruitful season in our lives as individuals and communities.

Terry

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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 25<sup>th</sup> September. Contributions by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> please.

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## **Worship in September**

**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 August

It is good to see that Covid19 cases are falling in our area, though what the autumn will bring remains an unknown. At present we continue much as we have been for a number of months. **The wearing of masks in church is left to personal choice**, and we ask all to continue to take care when at church and respect people's space as is appropriate. Please be especially careful and sensitive to those who are more vulnerable, cautious or anxious about the virus. Also of course do not attend church if you have any Covid symptoms (or test positive). We continue to review our precautions regularly at both churches and if you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact the minister or elders.

### **PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES, EACH OTHER AND ALL**

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](https://bit.ly/trinityhw)

7 September	Worship with Holy Communion led by Terry Hinks
14 September	Worship led by Steve Burton
21 September	Harvest All age Worship led by Terry Hinks
28 September	Worship led by Gwen Collins

#### **10.30 am at Cores End Church**

4 September	Worship led by Sue Burke
11 September	Worship with Holy Communion led by Terry Hinks
18 September	Worship led by Derek Holland
25 September	Harvest Thanksgiving led by Terry Hinks

**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/>.

## **Praying Together**

### **Prayer Chains**

Both churches operate Prayer Chains so do use these. Your contact is:

- (at Cores End) [david@dkreynolds.plus.com](mailto:david@dkreynolds.plus.com)
- (at Trinity) [minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com](mailto:minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com) or any member of the group (Rosemary provides a monthly summary for the group)

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 7 and 21 September. More information from Kate, Sue or Terry.

**24/7 Prayer for Wycombe** contact Jane Franklin [prayer@ccfh.org.uk](mailto:prayer@ccfh.org.uk) to go on the mailing list.

**Wye Churches Community Prayers:** these are held weekly and restart in September. Contact Terry for more details.

## People News from the Churches

**Not included in this version**

### **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](mailto:dandrbailey@tiscali.co.uk) 01628 520848  
(Trinity) - [treasurer@trinity-urc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@trinity-urc.org.uk) 01494 564635



There are also collection bowls at church for donations. We do not now 'take up an offering' but will offer an offering prayer for all gifts given week by week.

### **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](mailto:secretary@trinity-urc.org.uk)  
Cores End) [berylgeoffbritt@gmail.com](mailto:berylgeoffbritt@gmail.com)



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Come and give thanks for this year's harvest.*

*Come and support those facing food poverty and hunger locally  
and across the world, through prayer and giving.*

*Invite neighbours, friends or family to come too!*

**All age Worship at Trinity Church** on Sunday 18 September at 10.30 am  
followed with refreshments

**Worship at Cores End Church** on Sunday 25 September at 10.30 am  
followed with a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

## **Our Charities this year:**

**ONE CAN Foodbank** serving Wycombe and Bourne End and the surrounding areas:  
please bring produce to church. They urgently need UHT Milk, Pasta, Tins of vegetables,  
pulses, fruit, fish or meat meals, Jams & spreads, Cooking sauces, Biscuits, Condiments &  
sauces, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Shampoo & showergel, Deodorant, Toilet roll, Nappies  
(sizes 3-6), Baby Milk, Bags for life.

More information at [One Can Trust - Foodbank serving families in need](#)



One Can Harvest Poster



Water Provision by Christian Aid

## **STUDY DAY AT AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH**

**Saturday 8 October 2022**

**'Responding to Bereavement'**

Day led by The Revd Sarah Crane, Senior Chaplain at Milton Keynes General Hospital

More details to come

## **TRINITY CHURCH VISION 2022**

### **The foundation framework**

*As small groups work on the actions agreed by church meeting, it is good to be reminded of the foundational framework the Vision Group developed.*

#### **1. Partnerships**

Where possible and appropriate, we will work with others to refresh and sustain our worship, foster discipleship and serve the community. Our partnership with other churches is part of our URC commitment to affirm, work and pray for Christian unity. Our partnership with other organisations reflects common goals of love and care for our neighbour, near and far.

#### **2. Outward-looking**

We will use the physical, practical and spiritual gifts and skills we have to serve and support our local neighbourhoods and communities, and more widely through the charities we support.

#### **3. Worshipping Community**

Everything we do, and everything we are, flows from our worship, joy, and love for God and God's love for us, our neighbour and our world, revealed in Jesus Christ and at work through the Holy Spirit.

#### **4. Discipleship**

We want to help everyone have the opportunity to encounter God, develop their faith and be builders of God's kingdom.

#### **5. Communication**

We want to be better at promoting who we are, what God offers and what we offer through God, in the most appropriate and effective ways.

#### **6. Focus**

We want, as a congregation, to have a shared, agreed focus on what we should do or not do, based on our understanding of what God is calling us to at this time and in this place – doing what we can, not trying to do what we can't. Our motto is crawl, walk, run!

#### **7. Buildings**

We want to give people a good welcoming experience as they come to the building, and to use the building to its best advantage in serving the church and wider community, in ways that are sustainable both for the environment and for our capacity to maintain and manage it.

#### **8. Location**

We want to maximise and promote the opportunities that our prominent location gives us, with available parking, bus stops, position opposite The Rye, and within walking distance of the town centre.

*At the September Church Meeting Terry will suggest we add two more:*

#### **9. Environment**

We recognise our responsibility to care for God's creation and respond to the environmental crises facing humanity and the planet today.

#### **10. Undergirded with prayer**

We give thanks for the way God has led and guided us, as we have sought this vision for Trinity. Prayer undergirds all that we do, both as a way of seeking and discerning God's will and expressing our loving concern for individuals and the world at large.

### **A Vision Prayer**

God, Trinity of Love, Creator, Saviour and Spirit,  
bless the life of Trinity Church, named in your honour.  
Open our minds to your vision for us and the community you call us to serve.  
Lead us from words into action.  
Make us a blessing to those around us and to the planet itself,  
in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## **Don't forget the People of Ukraine**

We grieve over the continued warfare in Ukraine and pray that a way towards a just peace may be found. There are many prayer resources including those from Christian Aid [Prayers from Christian Aid](#) and from the URC [United Reformed Church Prayers for Ukraine](#)



**DEC Ukraine Appeal:** The Disasters Emergency Committee is a coalition of over 15 aid organisations (including Christian Aid). You can donate online here: [Donate here.](#)

Remember the many other places of conflict and injustice and the communities who are being affected by the blockade on Ukrainian grain and food exports.

### **OUR LINKS WITH COMPASSION UK**

We will be hearing again about this work in the autumn with a Compassion Speaker leading worship at Trinity on 23 October. Cristian celebrates his birthday on 7 October and we'll be sending a gift to him. Donations to support Mary and Cristian (the two children sponsored by Trinity) and the work of Compassion UK can be sent to the Trinity Treasurer, [treasurer@trinity-urc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@trinity-urc.org.uk) For more information about *Compassion UK*, please visit [www.compassionuk.org](http://www.compassionuk.org).

## **Thank you for Lighthouse 2022**



What a great week it has been; the only rain was a light shower on Monday morning for 10 minutes.

Our processes from registration to lunches, The Space to gunging all worked well. The band sounded great and the stories we have heard in teaching have been fantastic, so if you were working 1-1 with children, cleaning toilets, selling cans of drink, or making craft, thank you so very much.

Can't get enough of Lighthouse? There is another chance - our Annual General Meeting and Feedback meeting. This will be: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm at The Pastures Church. HP13 5RR, with some refreshments provided.

Dates next year are provisionally Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, with the setup on the Saturday and Sunday before and clearing up at Trinity URC High Wycombe in the following week, so just pop this in the calendar just to be sure you can help.

With every blessing and thanks, the Lighthouse Trustees  
More information on the website [Home | Lighthouse Central](#)

*Members of our two churches were well involved in Lighthouse this year – at Highcrest, Hazelmere and Loudwater. Thank you.*

## **Reaching out**

### **Wycombe Refugee Partnership**

Our congratulations to Wycombe Refugee Partnership on being given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which is the group equivalent of an MBE and the highest award ever given to a voluntary organisation. That achievement has been made possible by the hard work of WRP's volunteers, the great generosity of its donors, who have funded the work, and some fantastic partnerships with other groups. The Countess Howe, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, presented the award at a special event for volunteers and supporters in the grounds of High Wycombe Museum on 14 August.

You can find more information about WRP's work on their website [www.wycombe-refugees.org](http://www.wycombe-refugees.org)

### **ONE CAN Please Keep Collecting**

Thank you for continuing to give so generously to the One Can Foodbank at both churches and through its many collecting points. Our Harvest collections will include a collection of produce for One Can. The need in Wycombe and the surrounding area continues to grow, with so many people experiencing food and fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis. There is also a need for new packers, drivers and volunteers – if you would like to know more please get in touch at [office@onecantrust.org.uk](mailto:office@onecantrust.org.uk)

### **Toilet Twinning**

Cores End Church has been able to twin two of its toilets and hopes with your help to twin the third soon. £60 will twin one toilet, helping to fund a project in a poor community which will enable families to build a basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. Thank you for your support.



### **Wycombe Homeless Connection**

Wycombe Homeless Connection wants to see suitable, affordable, secure housing for everyone in our area. It is concerned about the latest plans to extend right to buy to housing association properties because if this scheme is anything like the right to buy scheme for council housing, it may well lead to less social or affordable housing being available from housing associations in our area. This is because hardly any homes which have been sold under the council houses scheme have been replaced. It also raises difficult questions about the status of housing associations which are charities who are independent of the government. It's somewhat surprising to hear the government announce that they will be forced to sell off some of their most important assets. Are our local housing associations really independent charities which exist to provide affordable housing to people in our communities who need it, or are they not? That will now have to be cleared up too and it's not the first time this question has been raised. Staff and Trustees value your prayers and support as they respond to issues like these. For more information see [Wycombe Homeless Connection \(wyhoc.org.uk\)](http://wyhoc.org.uk)



# **CHILTERN LOCAL AREA GROUP**

*Invite you to join us at*

## **A Quiet Day Away**

at the historic Friends Meeting House, Jordans

*Give Thanks!*

*Be Encouraged!*

*Looking at 2 Timothy*

*led by Christine Wright*

*(retired editor and trainer for Scripture Union)*

*and Bridget Powell (retired minister and teacher)*

**Wednesday 21 September 2022**

**10.30 am – 4 pm**

*coffee served from 10 am*

*soup and bread lunch and drinks provided*



Please Book by 7 September:

Contact Bridget Powell

Phone 01494 784786

[bridgetwinnpowell@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetwinnpowell@gmail.com)

Jordans Quaker Centre, Welders Lane,  
Jordans, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2SN

**CHRISTIAN AID East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal** in response to the worst drought in 40 years, with millions of people across East Africa facing the threat of famine.

Failed harvests, livestock deaths and water shortages have caused huge challenges, made worse by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has amplified an increase in global food prices that has turned a tough situation into a dire crisis. Donations are urgently needed to save lives and prevent a devastating famine. Working through local partners, Christian Aid is responding to the severe drought in Ethiopia and Kenya by a variety of means including repairing wells, handing out water purification kits, trucking water to drought-affected communities and providing fodder and medicine to keep valuable livestock alive. Please give what you can to our special collections in both churches (in the envelopes provided) or online [East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal - Christian Aid](#)



**10 September 2022**

Would you be happy to sponsor a walker to raise funds for our two churches and for churches across the county? Terry hopes to walk on Saturday 10 September as part of Ride and Stride. Contact him if you would like to join him (we can be flexible about distances)

Donations can be given to Terry himself or online on the just giving page

Terry Hinks is fundraising for Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust ([justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com))

### **Chiltern Group Ministers**



Ministers from across the Chiltern Group came together at Fairford Leys, Aylesbury for lunch followed by refreshments in the garden of the Manse, hosted by Anthony (sitting on the right) the minister of the Local Ecumenical Partnership there— a united church bringing together Anglicans, Methodists and URC members. Among the group was our eldest minister, Jean Wilkinson (members of St Andrew's URC Gerrards Cross) with her husband Graham (a members at Gerrards Cross Methodist Church), sitting in the centre of the group (with Synod Moderator George Watt standing behind. Ecumenism lives!!

## URC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022



**FAITH – HOPE – LOVE – SINCE 1972**

5 October 2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Church, following the approval of a Uniting Declaration by the Assembly of the then Congregational Church in England and Wales and by the General Assembly of the then Presbyterian Church of England. Further unions took place in 1981 and 2000, to make the URC what it is today.

### **Past, present and future TELLING THE STORY – MAKING YOUR MARK!**

*'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever' (Hebrews 13.8)*



Both our churches now have 1972 – 2022 timelines, along one wall of the church worship area, where members have added notes of significant events in our personal, church and wider life. We want to fill these with notes of significant events – and if possible small photographs of them. Events need to have happened sometime between 1972 and 2022 (though there is space for the future too – our hopes and dreams beyond 2022!) The timelines will remain until the climax of the Anniversary celebrations in October – so do add your special event and photo if you can. Thanks



**URC Jubilee Service** at Methodist Central Hall Westminster on 1 October. Tickets are still available – details on the URC website [URC 50th anniversary service tickets available - United Reformed Church](#)  
**Local Celebration Services** at Trinity (on 2 October) and Cores End (9 October)





## Church and Society & Racial Justice Network event!

'Let Justice flow like a stream and righteousness like a river that never goes dry (Amos 5v 24)'

SEE IT, SAY IT, SORT IT!

**When:** Saturday 24 September 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Lumen, 88 Tavistock Place WC1H 9RC (nearest stations  
Kings Cross and Russell Square)

All are welcome

**SPOTLIGHT ON:** OUR PLANET, FOOD & FUEL, RACE AND ETHNICITY,  
PALESTINE AND ISRAEL, ... COME & SHARE

Please contact Sandra Ackroyd On:

020 8279 0533; 07790 792 818 or

sga322@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS EVENT



JOINT PUBLIC ISSUES TEAM – SPECIAL DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:

11 September [Education Sunday](#) (England and Wales)

15–25 September [Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel](#)

18 September [Freedom Sunday](#) (end slavery)

18 September [Peace Sunday](#)

21 September [UN International Day of Peace](#)

More information at JPIT website [Joint Public Issues Team \(jpit.uk\)](http://jpit.uk)

### WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Priory Road, High Wycombe

### COFFEE MORNING and PIANO TRIO RECITAL

for CHRISTIAN AID

Saturday, 1 October, 10.30am – 12 noon

Music by Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninov  
performed by

“PARSONS’ NOYSE”

Three Methodist ministers make music together  
piano, violin and ‘cello

Entry free, Donations for Christian Aid



# Save the Date

## Shoebbox Collection Sundays:

**Cores End  
Trinity**

**6<sup>th</sup> November  
23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Link to Hope has requested that every box contains the following 6 items:**

- gloves or scarf or hat
- soap & flannel
- candles & holders
- sweets or chocolate (BB June 2023/EU origin)
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- game eg: dominoes, playing cards

**And a selection of the following:**

### **Boxes for a family:**

- Crayons/pencils (with rubber & sharpener)
- Colouring pads (A5)
- Small toys (eg: yo-yo, skipping rope, toy car)
- Soft toy (with CE label)
- Head scarf
- Tape measure/DIY
- Solar-powered calculator
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Safety razors
- Hairbrush/comb

### **Boxes for an elderly person:**

- Mug/wooden spoon/cutlery
- Reading glasses/magnifier
- Pen/paper
- Sensory item (eg: lavender bag)
- Scissors/nail clippers
- Safety razors
- Socks/tights (new)
- Work gloves
- Hot water bottle
- Wind-up radio/torch
- Shampoo (max 300ml)

**Donations also welcome: on Collection Sundays or via [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)**

### **Charity Coffee Morning**

As usual we will have a selection of potted hyacinth bulbs for sale. The junior church children will be doing all the hard work, choosing which bulbs to pot into which bowls. So we just need some suitable bowls. Please could you check in your cupboards and garages to see if you have any nice bowls that take 2,3 or even 4 or 5 hyacinth bulbs and let Ann or Beryl or Muriel have them in the next week or so. Many thanks

Ann

*[The date will be announced in next month's magazine]*



## It's time to shake up the Church for climate justice

Do you know (or are you) a young adult (18-30) who is passionate about climate justice and wants to put their faith into action? If so, we've got a great scheme, just for them.

### **Applications are now open for the Prophetic Activist Scheme!**

This 6 months scheme (Sept – March) inspires, engages, and equips young adult Christians in campaigning and activism for climate justice within the Church.

Prophetic Activists will:

- Join a network and build fellowship with like-minded Christians
- Help to plan, lead and deliver a campaign action in a local church
- Attend an in-person residential (all expenses paid) and webinars packed full of amazing content to develop your campaigning
- Receive mentoring
- Gain amazing skills and experience for your CV

We're seeking transformative change so please do forward this email on and share about the Prophetic Activist Scheme with any 18–30-year-old Christians you may know.

For more details, click [HERE](#).

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HThomas".

Hannah Thomas  
Youth Activism & Campaigns Officer

Joint **Quiz Evening** at Cores End URC on Saturday 8 October at 6 pm with meal (provided by members of Cores End) followed by Quiz with Quiz masters, Ian B (Trinity) and Dave K (Cores End). More details soon – contact Elizabeth H (01628 525076) or Ann P (01628 526865) if you would like to come.





## **Council for World Mission**



**CWM Appoints three senior leadership staff:** After being approved with unanimous consensus by the Board of Directors who met in June, the General Secretary Rev Dr Jooseop Keum, is pleased to announce that Mr Sudipta Singh, Rev. Dr Young-Cheol Cheon and Rev. Daimon Mkandawire are appointed senior leaderships. The Council is also pleased to congratulate Rev. Dr Peter Cruchley, Mission Secretary, as Director of the World Council of Churches on World Mission and Evangelism.

**The United Church of Zambia:** Lusaka Presbytery's shift from traditional methods of mobilising church funds for mission, it has launch Umodzi Investments, a newly registered company to spearhead all its investment activities. Bishop Rev. Dr Lordwell Siame spoke about the church's need to expand.

**From Death to Life Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Psalm 30 Reflection There are moments in our lives when we feel desperate and hopeless. Our faiths are always shaken, by the many challenges we face in this world.

**10 July: So Visible Yet Unseen-In Agony Yet Unheard Of:** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture 10: 25-37, Matthew 25: 31-46. Reflection The Good Samaritan is one story that has been read over the ages by Christians and the more it is told the more we take its meaning for granted.

**GEM School grounds economic justice biblically:** The first face-to-face GEM School held since 2019 has opened in Berlin, Germany, with a focus on ecological and feminist economics. The GEM School is a program within the New International Financial and Economic Architecture project.

**Church of South India organises medical camps:** South India's Synod, its Department of Mission and Evangelism jointly organised a free Medical Camp at St Martins Church late last year. Over 200 people including missionaries in South Kerala Diocese and their families benefitted from the event.

**CWM Sunday 2022 Worship resource now available:** Worship is the heart of our missional vocation. For CWM 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday this year, we have crafted worship resources to enable member churches to participate in worship which reflects on CWM Mission themes. The theme 'displacement and trauma' highlights the reality of many contexts around the world. The war in Ukraine and the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian concerns.

**Sunday with CWM 17<sup>th</sup> July – Be still and know that I am:** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42. The gospel reading this week takes us to Bethany and to the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Jesus didn't have a home, and Bethany would have been a safe and comfortable place where he could rest and relax with friends.

**Sundays with CWM 24 July Liberating Gomer:** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Hosea 1: 2-10 Reflection during many world atrocities women continue to suffer in the hands of men. Many actions have been taken to stop this prejudice. I believe one of the most contributing factors to the mistreatment of women in our societies today is our interpretation of biblical matters.

**First Two Women ministers ordained in Tuvalu:** In a historic moment for Tuvalu, two women, Rev. Oliula Kalahati and Rev. Sulufaiga Uota were ordained as ministers in special ceremonies on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. They join 41 ministers in EKT's parishes, and this comes more than a century after missionaries arrived in Tuvalu under the London Missionary Society.

Rosemary



We are thrilled to be one of the two lead charities being supported by this year's Marlow Santa's Fun Run!



**Sunday 4th  
December**

**9:30am**

**Higginson Park.**

**OPEN TO ENTRIES - 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Last year a staggering £49,250 was raised for charity. Can you help them to raise even more in 2022! We would love to have some teams running on behalf of One Can. Would your workplace or organisation consider getting involved?

If you book before November 17th you will be charged £15 for each adult and £7.50 for young people 5-17 years – under 5's are free. From 17th November prices increase to adult £20 and young people £10.

The website [www.santasfunrun.org](http://www.santasfunrun.org) explains everything, rules and all.

The run is a fun event for everyone, families, friends, companies, clubs, schools, PTAs, youth groups, etc., and of course charity teams.

## A snapshot of July 2022



**URC Thames North Synod  
'Imagine Church' Envisioning Day**

**Saturday 5th November 2022**

**10.30 to 3pm**

**At Lumen, 88 Tavistock Pl, London WC1H 9RS**



With Steve Rouse  
LICC's Church Team  
Director



**FREE EVENT**

Eddie Boon (Synod Discipleship Enabler) writes, 'We have this opportunity to get together for the first time in a long time in the Thames North Synod, and we would love you to join us for this special day! Keen to grow a whole-life disciple making culture in your church, but not sure where to start? Then join **Steve Rouse**, LICC's Church Team Director, as we share what we've learnt about how to create a whole-life disciple making church and help you identify next steps for yours.'

If you are interested in going to this event on behalf of our two churches, speak to Terry or contact Eddie direct at [disc.enab@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:disc.enab@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

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More quotes they wish they hadn't!

To prove that even the professionals get it wrong sometimes here are some celebrity quotes to savour.

"...and this after three false starts - well, two false starts and one faulty start ..." *David Coleman*

"Kiptanui. the 19 year old who turned 20 a few weeks ago" *David Coleman*

"...and how long have you had this life long ambition?" *Gary Davis*

"We apologise for the late running of this train. This is due to us following a train that is in front of us."  
*British Rail Guard*

"...not only the start of their honeymoon, it's the start of their married life together." *Angela Rippon*

"...it's like feeding him with one hand and spitting at him in the eye with the other." *Clare Rayner*

"You can cut the tension with a cricket stump" *Murray Walker*

"I would advise anyone coming to the match to come early and not to leave until the end, otherwise they might miss something." *John Toshack*

"Agatha Christie is such a well known name, her books sell all over the world, and in other places as well." *Michael Grade*

"Stronsay is an island surrounded by sea." *Fiona Johnston*

## **Beware phone calls from 'your bank' after receiving fake texts**

Scammers will initially cast their nets wide, sending thousands of fake text messages seemingly from legitimate companies. But for some, that's just the start of the con, as we found victims can often suffer a secondary hit from the same criminals.



This one-two jab can be highly effective for fraudsters. They use the initial bogus text to establish trust, and at times, even the caller ID has been spoofed to make it look like your bank's genuine phone number. [Read more about this type of scam.](#)

## **7 pension scams to watch out for**

The Pensions Regulator says there is a greater risk of pensions scams right now as people who are struggling could be more susceptible to fake promises of early pension access or higher investment returns.

There are seven common types of pension scams. Make sure you know [what to look out for.](#)

## **Fake Emirates WhatsApp message**

Random WhatsApp messages that claim to be from a large reputable brand are usually a scam and links included in the messages can install malware onto your device or phish for your personal information. The fake Emirates WhatsApp message advertises a link where you can 'win' a free holiday.

Always check the brand's official website and social media pages to verify the information in the message. [View our screenshots of a typical WhatsApp message scam.](#)

## **Currys email giveaway**

New phishing emails impersonating the well-known electrical retailer Currys offer you the chance to win a free Smeg kettle. The email contains a dodgy link leading to a website where you're asked to complete a survey about your shopping habits and pay a delivery fee to receive the 'free' kettle. Find out [how to spot and avoid this scam.](#)

## **Blackmail and sextortion emails**

Reports have spiked in recent weeks of people receiving emails threatening to expose personal information about them if money isn't transferred. Scammers typically claim they've hacked your device and then detail your personal information, such as your usernames and passwords, threatening to expose your data unless you transfer money to them.

If you receive an email like this, don't panic. That's exactly what the scammers want and it's likely nothing will come of it. But here's what you can do if you receive one and [how to check if your email address or password has been compromised.](#)

## **Fake energy refund emails circulating again**

We sent out a warning about this in May, but it's back and doing the rounds. With tomorrow's energy price cap announcement, please be cautious of any energy emails appearing in your inbox.

Find out [how to spot a scam energy rebate email.](#)

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The Government has [announced](#) that the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022 will be brought into effect on Monday 27 February 2023. 16- and 17-year-olds will no longer be able to marry or enter a civil partnership in England and Wales under any circumstances, including with parental or judicial consent, from 26 February 2023.



## The **GREEN** Page

### Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October)



There will be lots of special events locally, nationally and globally during this month (including some online). For more details of global events see [Home Landing EN - Season of Creation](#)

Local events include:

- **Wycombe and Marlow Area Joint Eco Church Group** has its next meeting on 27 September at 7.30 pm on Zoom (contact Terry for more details)
- **Meet the Synod Environmental Team:** the Synod 'Green Team' are very keen to introduce themselves to you, find out about what you have been doing or what you hope to do to care for God's creation and work towards increasing the sustainability of our Synod. Please keep the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> October free as we are in process of planning a zoom meeting to do that. The hour-long session will start at 7.30 pm and we look forward to 'meeting' you then.
- **Great Big Green Week** (24 September - 2 October) falls within the Season. Organised by the Climate Coalition, it is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. ([Great Big Green Week](#))
- **Litter Picks** are being planned at both churches – dates to be decided.
- **Open Morning at Cores End URC grounds** on Saturday 17 September: Come and see ways to make good use of a church's outdoor space Learn more about the work done at Cores End URC and the twin projects of a 'Quiet Garden' and Eco Church. Join the members for refreshments at 11 am and stay for a short talk, opportunity for questions and tour at 11.30 am. All welcome – contact Terry Hinks for more details.
- **Work Party on the Cores End Meadow and Grounds:** Our next work parties are on Saturday 10 September and 8 October (10 – 11.30 am). For more information contact Terry Hinks.

## The Wye Connect Kitchen



Also known as:

Drop scones

Pikelets

Scotch pancakes

3 tablespoons self-raising flour

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 egg - 2 tablespoons sunflower oil - one third of a cup of milk and water (equal portions milk and water - do NOT be tempted to use milk only) - all switched together

Add the wet ingredients to the dry and mix.

Spoon onto a hotplate or griddle - enough to form a circle of about 2½ to 3 inches in diameter. Cook until bubbles appear and turn over before they burst.

*Rumour has it that these will freeze well, but this assumes they are not all consumed hot off the griddle!*

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## Tales from the Choirmaster

One Sunday the vicar of St. John's - a keen abstainer - preached that all beer and spirits should be thrown into the river. The choir then sang lustily: 'SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

A north - country choirmaster was rehearsing the hymns for Sunday telling the choir the hymns they were to sing, and the Name of the tune to which they were to sing them. He said, 'Now then "Come ye that love the Lord" to Southport!' A voice called out, "Where are thou tekking t'rest of us?"

A former chorister was asked why she had given up singing in the church choir. "I was absent one Sunday" she replied, "and somebody asked if the organ had been mended".

"Come, Come, this will never do" said the choirmaster, "open your mouths and sing boldly ... 'LITTLE DROPS OF WATER' ... and for goodness sake ... put some spirit into it!"

The vicar wrote in his parish magazine:

We have been most fortunate this year with our choirmaster and organist. Both have been given appointments that will take them from us.

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles "Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in".

The organist at a village church had just got into the psalm when he realised that the base line was fading out. Looking in the mirror he observed that the stronger of the basses was disappearing through the church door. He returned before the end of the psalm so after the service the organist enquired what he was doing. He replied that he had a hen sitting on some eggs and he had moved her from the nest just at the time the bell ringers had arrived. (His cottage adjoined the churchyard). He chatted to the ringers for a few minutes, and then forgot to put the hen back, until he was singing verse twelve of Psalm 104 ... "The fowls of the air have their habitation" ... So he had popped out, nipped over the wall, put Betsie on her nest and was back for the Gloria.



## The Prayer Page

Loving God, we sometimes struggle to see you at work – we see corruption in so many countries, so many people destitute or oppressed, and the good that could be done, left undone.

But we trust in your love that reaches its way into dark corners and brings the light in. We know that our timing is not your timing but we pray for your justice, O Lord. In Christ's name, *Amen*.

In these troubling times of political, economic and climate upheaval,  
Show us, Father God what action we can take.  
Show us, Good Shepherd, how we can nurture others and ourselves to have the  
energy, resources and stamina to hold fast to righteousness,  
So that your justice flows like an ever-rolling stream.



### Missionary Services – A Broader Vision

Loving God, you have called us into this church, to share fellowship with each other, to be your family in this place, to be one people bound together in love.

Together we are the body of Christ: **Bind us together in love.**

But we come today recognising you have called us also to a wider fellowship, a fellowship which extends across denominational differences, beyond geographical boundaries, out and into the world. Though we may never meet in person, we are one with fellow Christians everywhere, united in one faith, sharing the common goal of taking the Good News of Christ to the ends of the earth. Together we are the body of Christ: **Bind us together in love.**

We come then now to listen and learn, to hear of all you are doing across the world, and to respond with gratitude, to recognise all we can receive from the wider Church, and all we can contribute to it. Together we are the body of Christ: **Bind us together in love.**



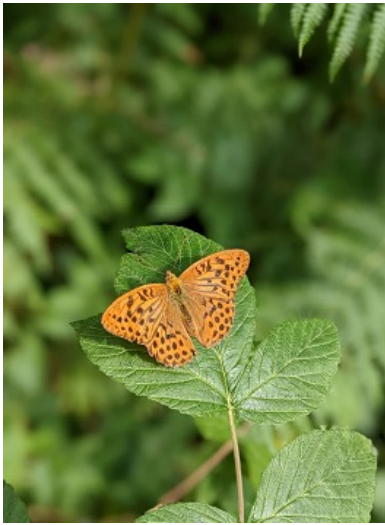
Open our horizons through this time together, broaden our vision, enlarge our understanding, and help us to glimpse more fully the extent of your purpose, the wonder of your love, and the richness of the Christian family to which we belong.

Together we are the body of Christ: **Bind us together in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Contributions to this page are always welcomed!*

Thanks to Kate and Rosemary for contributing this month's prayers

## Picture Page



Photos for the Season of Creation. Please keep sending in your photos for use in worship at Trinity and online to [photos@trinity-urc.org.uk](mailto:photos@trinity-urc.org.uk)



Creations at Lighthouse Children's Holiday Club