

Contact

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Worship in June (10.45 am unless stated)

4 th June	Rev Geoffrey Clarke, Moderator East Midlands URC Synod (<i>including presentation to Rev Malcolm Clarke</i>)
11 th June	Rev John Hall
18 th June	Rev Andrew Mudharara (<i>including Holy Communion</i>)
25 th June	Hazel Coley
2 nd July	Rev Andrew Mudharara (Parade Service)

During the service on Sunday 4th June, which is being led by the Synod Moderator Rev Geoffrey Clarke, a presentation will be made to our former Minister, Rev Malcolm Clarke, marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Please come along and share in this special occasion.

Minister's letter May 2023

Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen and Ascended Lord who is seated at the Right hand of His Father praying for us all 24/7. We are privileged to have a High Priest who is always praying for us when we need prayers and, even when we think we do not need prayers, He is there for us all always.

There are three things that I find paramount in Jesus' prayer for the Church in John 17. Jesus prayed for the Unity of the Church. Jesus prayed that we, as a body of Christ, may be one as Jesus is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We must remember that the world-wide church is one body and we have a responsibility to work towards the Unity of the body of Christ (Church). God is calling us to unity with one another for Christ's sake. It is on the heart of Jesus for the Church to be united in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus also prayed that we may know that we are loved by God as God loved Jesus (John 17:23). We are a loved people of God. We sometimes do not view ourselves as loved people. The world and people around us may tell us that we are not loved but Jesus made it clear in His ascension prayer that we are loved by God as God loved Jesus. It is paramount for us to walk and live knowing that we are loved by God. We are His children and we need to be rooted in GOD'S love and cherish that we are loved. Walk with your head high knowing that you are loved by God in Christ Jesus and that is our heritage.

Jesus prayed that we know that the Glory that God the Father gave to Jesus, Jesus gave that to us (John 17:22). We have been given the glory through our belief in Jesus. We are a glorious people. Yes, we struggle with sin and many other things but Jesus gave to us glory He got from the Father, that our faces may shine. Jesus gave us the priestly blessing of Numbers 6 :25 "the Lord make His face shine on you..." We are a blessed people in Christ Jesus.

Jesus asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit has been with us since the day of Pentecost. I hope we walk alongside the Holy Spirit, day in, day out. We should pant for more and more of the Holy Spirit.

I am glad to be back serving God through the Church and community around us. We had a great time in Zimbabwe and it was a joy for me to see family and friends again and for Tavonga too. We had a great a time though we missed Candid who remained in the UK. It was great to see the joy in my father's face as he played with Tavonga.

Happy Pentecost, God bless.

News of the Family

Please remember in your prayers:

Dennis S in hospital with a chest infection, hopes to be discharged this week.

Paul D is slowly recovering, it's good to see him back in church.

We also think of:

Ann M, Annette D, Beryl (Julie's mum), Betty H, Betty L, Dennis, Ethel, Ian S, Jan and Brian B, Jean C, Joan, John P, Joyce, Joyce and Arthur, Keith G, Keith H, Lily S, Margaret and Peter, Nanette S, Nessa, Muriel, Paddy, Pat J, Ruth, Sue D, Sue T, Wendy, Margaret and Peter G.

We continue to pray for all those we know in need, those receiving medical treatment and those struggling with day to day living and all who care for them.

Please contact me if you or someone you know is in need of prayer and would like to go on the prayer list, respecting their privacy and seeking permission first.

Contact me by email or telephone. Sue Saunders

We also remember Sue and family at this difficult time, coping with bereavement.

Please accept my grateful thanks to all who have supported and prayed for mum and I over the last couple of years and for your condolences and cards at mums passing. Your prayers and support are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you, Sue

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays in June:

Megan R and Mary S (on the 10th), Karen J and Dennis S (on the 15th), Crawford P and Sally L (on the 22nd), Joyce W and Trevor L (on the 28th) and Joan L (on the 29th).

And best wishes to those celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this month:

Malcolm and Wendy (on the 8th), Yuri and Zoya (on the 11th).

Apologies to anyone we may have missed. Thanks to Kathy for maintaining these records. If we haven't got your information, please speak to Kathy.

News from The Vine –

New in this month will be the next selection of Kids Corner books, which we'll have from mid-June until late September. These are a selection of new titles in Christian children's books, all on special offer – look out for the Kids Corner stickers on books and the catalogues, which are free to pick up, and detail all of the books on offer. There will be some great titles, for all ages, suitable for church prize giving events and also for the long summer holidays, including activity books.

From Saturday 17th to 24th June, we will be participating in Independent Bookshop week and will once again be giving out our "High Five" vouchers to all book buying customers who make purchases that week (one per customer). These are vouchers that can be exchanged for a National Book Token e-voucher worth five pounds by simply registering the voucher on-line. This then gives you £5.00 towards your next book purchase and can be spent at The Vine or any bookshop that accepts National Book Tokens,

We are still in need of volunteers – if you, or someone you know would be interested in joining our team for one session a week please do get in touch – thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk 01455 612345.

God Bless,
Jessica Harrison Manager

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalms 23

Tuesday Lunch Event: Tuesday 6th June 2023

June's Church lunch will be on Tuesday 6th at midday and will be cold meat, salad and new potatoes. Dessert hasn't yet been decided...so it will be a surprise!

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

Sue S

Fellowship Walk

The walk in May was around the Sence Valley just north of Ibstock. It was a great day with plenty of sunshine - just a bit cool in the wind on the hill tops. It was a good turn out with 9 on the walk and we enjoyed the fresh air, the views and the bird song - and of course the great company on the way round.

The next walk will be on 20th June. Please let me know your availability and I will update you on the venue closer to the date.

Tony Thomas

Hope into Action House

Due to a number of factors, the purchase of the Hope into Action house has been delayed. It will, however, go ahead eventually. If you are storing things which you have offered to donate, we would be most grateful if you could keep them a bit longer.

We have set up a table in the vestibule with items for which you can make a donation. At the moment there are delicious home made jams and plants.

Any money raised will go towards buying things for the house.

Many thanks, Carole Wallis (on behalf of the Hope into Action group)

Commitment for Life Prayer for the month



Climate disruption and the environment

By Roo Stewart - Joint Public Issues Team

A prayer of repentance

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you brought light into darkness.
You breathed life into nothingness.
You made the world, and it was good.
You made us, and it was very good.

And then things went wrong.

At first, we didn't realise our choices would bring pain and difficulty.

Later, we did realise our choices would bring pain and difficulty but chose them anyway.

The human race has acted with disgrace towards this beautiful world: your invitation for us 'to care' interpreted as 'to dominate,' to abuse, to destroy.

And we are truly sorry.

Sorry for species that no longer exist, wiped from the face of the planet, because of our recklessness, thoughtlessness and greed.

Sorry for our neighbourhoods and homes, livelihoods and fields being lost beneath the rising tide of vain ambition, ambivalence, prejudice, and convenience.

Sorry for the children who will only know scorched earth, hardship, dirty air, dirty water, lack, drought, famine and disease.

Sorry that praying this makes us feel uncomfortable and yet powerless to change.

Sorry that our choices now still bring pain and difficulty.

But you are still loving and patient.

Your desire for a world in harmony, peace, shalom is within us.

And so we pray.

And act. Amen

Bible study and prayer groups

There are one or two groups of people from our church fellowship who meet regularly to study God's word and pray.

One of these is the Wednesday house group which meets once a month at the home of David and Heather Crick. We usually follow a study guide of some kind and take it in turns to lead although this is not obligatory!

We are currently working through a series on 'Faith – depending on God'. The following is quoted, with slight modifications, from the introduction in the study book:

“Does it matter what we believe in, so long as we believe in something? Scripture says yes, it matters a great deal what or who we choose to believe in. Biblical faith is not a free- floating positive feeling within oneself. It is trust in a person outside of, other than, and infinitely greater than, oneself. The guide explores studies of people and studies of faith's essence as taught by faithful people. Abraham, Naaman, David and Paul were all imperfect people whose faith grew through testing.

Jesus is both the perfect model of faith and the One who invites us to have faith in him..... Our human faith will always be faltering and imperfect....but by God's grace we are being made into ever more faithful people.”

The last session of this series will take place on June 7th at 7.30pm and we will be looking at 'The Finale of Faith' 2 Timothy 4:6-18. Speak to Heather or David if you would like to come along – you will be very welcome.

Christine T

Sponsored Walk: Candid

On 13th May, Candid completed a long walk for charity in the Lake District, on the Keswick to Barrow-In-Furness route. Details of the walk and sponsorship can be found at <https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/>. Those who want, and are able, to sponsor Candid, can do so at the K2B website. Click 'Donate' and look for Candid Mashiri.

Rotas *If you can help on the Door Steward rota, please see Penny Randriamahavorisoa; if you can help on the Coffee rota, please see Ann Martin. If you are unable to fulfil your duty, please arrange a swap.*

	<i>Duty Elder</i>	<i>Door Steward</i>
<i>Sunday 4th June</i>	Karen Jones	Richard Benham Sue Saunders
<i>Sunday 11th June</i>	Christine Thomas	Paul Deeming Julie Payne
<i>Sunday 18th June</i>	David Crick	Kathy Smith Sue Thain
<i>Sunday 25th June</i>	Roger Moseley	Sally Leggat Ann Martin
<i>Sunday 2nd July</i>	Sue Saunders	Jacqui Brown Heather Crick
	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
<i>Sunday 4th June</i>	Sylvia Ellis Chris Sharrock	
<i>Sunday 11th June</i>	Ruth Griffiths Karen Jones	C. Wallis
<i>Sunday 18th June</i>	Marilyn & Crawford Payne	
<i>Sunday 25th June</i>	Carole Wallis Jacqui Brown	M. Payne
<i>Sunday 2nd July</i>	Christine Thomas Ann Martin	

Wednesday at One

June 7th	Mr Steve Vickers	St. Mary Barwell
June 14th	Rev Robin Hansford	Hinckley Gt. Meeting
June 21st	Rev Daniel Cheyne	Hinckley URC
June 28th	Rev Andrew Mudharara	Hinckley URC
July 5th	Rev Andrew Hall	St. Catherine, Burbage

Warm Space Drop-in (Thursday pm)

June 1 st	Chris and Ann
June 8 th	Ruth and Phillip
June 15 th	Kathy and Sylvia
June 22 nd	Sue and Ann
June 29 th	Chris and Phillip

Fundraising news from the food bank

Sunday 4th June – The Jubilee Singers are performing at St. Mary's Church, Hinckley at 2:30pm. There are no tickets but people attending will be asked to make a donation to Hinckley Area Foodbank. No need to book – you can just turn up on the day!

Saturday 1st July – There will be a sponsored walk of 12 miles to raise money for food vouchers for the Christmas Appeal (last year we provided £13,000 of food vouchers to local families). This will be a group walk, starting and finishing at Bradgate Park. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris on 07502 433055 or fundraising@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk

Try The Bible Course

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm via Zoom
Tuesdays 27 June, 4, 11 & 18 July,
then Tuesdays 12, 19, 26 September & 3 October

Explore the BIG story with East Midlands Synod this year by joining us on Zoom for **The Bible Course**.

Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible! If that sounds familiar, **The Bible Course** will help you overcome all your fears. Providing a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book, the course is designed to increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life.

Over eight interactive sessions, [The Bible Course](#) combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and easy-to-manage daily readings. Published by [The Bible Society](#) and devised by pastor and theologian **Andrew Ollerton**, this popular course has no tests, no essays and no pressure – just the chance to further your acquaintance with the whole sweeping story of salvation, from Genesis to Revelation.

Synod Training & Development Officer **Derek Graham** will act as facilitator for the weekly sessions, each lasting about 1¼ hours. Beginning on **Tuesday 27 June**, we'll run for four weeks (through to **Tuesday 18 July**), break for the holiday period, then resume for a second block of four weeks from **Tuesday 12 September to 3 October**.

You don't have to take part every week, but we do ask you to **register by Monday 19 June** so that we can send you a free copy of the easy-to-use **Bible Course Manual** (£4.99 if purchased directly), courtesy of East Midlands Synod.

Simply email **Hannah Holmes** on trainingpa@urc5.org.uk to sign up.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th June - The Jubilee Singers are performing at St Mary's Church, Hinckley at 2.30pm

Saturday 1st July – 12 mile sponsored walk at Bradgate Park

Regular Meetings

Every **Monday** Chat and Prayer session on Zoom - log in after 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start and ending about 8.00pm

Tuesday Weekly Bible Study Group – see Richard Benham for details

Wednesday-at-One – Wednesday 1.00pm

Wednesday Monthly House Group

Next meeting Wednesday 7th June 7.30pm at the Crick's

Thursday – Prayer meeting for future of the church 11.00 Front Foyer

Thursday 7.30 Music group practice - all welcome

Friday Prayer Group 10.00am (in the church).

If you need any help using Zoom, please contact Tony Thomas.

Please submit material for the July / August edition of Contact by Sunday 18th June. Articles can be emailed to Penny. The next edition of Contact will be available by Sunday 25th June.