

Hinckley
**UNITED
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CHURCH**

Contact *June 2024*

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



“And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people playing pipes go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.”

Isaiah 30:29 NIV

ORGAN RECITAL On Saturday 18th May, David Saint, Organist and Director of Music at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, gave a recital on our venerable organ. David described playing it as "like driving a vintage car"! David's programme was well-suited to the organ, and although mainly from 19th and early 20th century, it nonetheless demonstrated a range of musical styles.

We experienced his skill and fine musicianship with some particularly nimble pedal work in a Mendelssohn sonata. There was a good attendance, and an encouraging number of visitors. We are grateful for a generous donation from the Leicester and District Organists' Association to help with the costs. We hope to arrange some more recitals in the future.

Minister's Letter

Greetings to you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Tavonga (my daughter) and myself had a good time in Zimbabwe meeting family and friends. It was a happy learning experience for both us. We travelled well thanks be to God. We were glad to be back and be with Candid.

Pentecost is a significant time in the calendar of the Church as it reminds us about the promise that Jesus promised to His disciples when he said "if you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever- the Spirit of truth... I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you" (John 14:15-18). The promise of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. The promise of the Holy Spirit "is for you (the people Peter was talking to) and your children (next generation) and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:15). We are included in the promise as the children of those present during Peter's sermon and also as those far off and those whom God called. The promise is for us to take and enjoy.

The Holy Spirit was given to us to comfort us and support us (John 14:16) as we serve in the Kingdom of our God and to teach us (John 14:26).

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit "when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (local area) and in all Judea and Samaria (next town and villages) and to the ends of the earth ". We were given the Holy Spirit to help us reach out to the people around us and far off with the gospel.

We have to desire to experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our lives as individuals and church. The power of the Holy Spirit upon the Church will make a massive difference on how we serve God, perceive one another and how we worship God. On the day of Pentecost, the filled people were thought to be drunk (Acts 2:13) as they praised and worshipped God.

The Holy Spirit comes with Gifts to bless the Church with and He brings peace and as oil He reduces friction among us and causes the machinery of the Kingdom to tick smoothly and heals us.

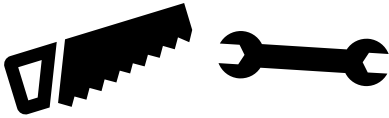
Desire Spiritual gifts Paul urged the church (1Corinthians 14:1). Happy Pentecost.

Reverend
Andrew Mudharara



You may recall that we have collected tools for TOOLS WITH A MISSION in past years. TWAM is a Christian charity based in Coventry that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation.

In doing so, they also support UK communities through volunteering opportunities and contribute significantly to environmental sustainability by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK.



Some tools have already been donated and I will be arranging collection soon. If you have suitable tools please get in touch during June. The definition of tools is very wide - garden, carpentry, car maintenance, sewing machines, household, computers, plumbing to name a few. Please check with me if you are unsure. Thank you, Tony T

CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the JUNE edition of Contact will be Sunday 23rd June. The next edition will be available from Sunday 30th June.



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JUNE

2 nd June	Rev Andrew Mudharara
9 th June	Paul Wake (in the absence of David Needs, Tennessee)
16 th June	Rev Andrew Mudharara (inc Holy Communion)
23 rd June	Martin Gage
30 th June	Rev Lesley Moseley
7 th July	Rev Andrew Mudharara (Parade Service)
10:45am unless stated. Followed by refreshments	

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**Christian Book &
Coffee Shop
(Jessica Harrison)**

In June there is a special week that celebrates bookshops – Independent Bookshop Week! This runs from Saturday 15th – 22nd June. We'll have our bunting up all week and will be giving away a “mystery book” with every book purchase of £10 or more (while stocks last). Do come and see us during this week, especially if you haven't visited for a while. It is great being an independent bookshop and also a specialist bookshop – we are here to serve the local and Christian community but can only keep going if we are used by that community!

This month we also expect the latest “Kids Corner” selection of discounted children's books. This will be the summer selection and will include Bibles, story books and activity books for all ages – great to keep little ones occupied during the holidays! Keep an eye on our social media for updates on its arrival.



June's Monthly Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 28th (9am) at the top of Castle Street, Hinckley (where the pedestrian area starts). It is an opportunity for us to come together, regardless of whatever church (or none) we attend, to pray for our community & the people in it. The prayer walk ends at 9:45am at our church where you can have some refreshments & are welcome to join our ecumenical prayer group at 10am.

***Come and hear, all you who
fear God;
let me tell you what he has
done for me.***

Psalm 66:16 NIV

The Bible calls us to be ready to share our personal testimony; what God has done for us. July's CONTACT will see us start a new series of sharing some of our testimonies. If you feel led to share yours with others, then speak to Paul Wake, Contact editor.

Loaded (Youth Ministry)



Sunday June 9th sees a thanksgiving service for members of the Nuneaton Jaguars Under 16 American Football team. The original speaker was scheduled to be Coach David Needs (Carson Newman University, E Tennessee), though his visit has been postponed due to injury. Our own sports coach, Paul Wake, will be filling in. Coach Wake is also the official chaplain to the Jaguars.

A time of fellowship over "loaded hot dogs" will follow the 10:45am service. All welcome, whether sports fan or not. **LOADED** (Paul "Coach" Wake) please email community@hinckleyurc.org.uk or call 07591 527942.

Uniformed Group

Twenty Brownies and their leaders from this Church's unit, slept overnight at Twycross Zoo. They got to sleep in front of the snowleopards, and then spend the next day discovering the rest of the zoo. It was an amazing experience being part of the 250 members of Girlguiding that were at the event on the Friday night, run by Girlguiding Leicestershire county. There were double that number roaming the zoo on the Saturday, as another group of girls & leaders were sleeping over on the Saturday.

The girls and leaders loved the whole event sleeping on the floor of the building, time in the soft-play area, watching a film and then a

discussion about animal conservation, time in the shop - everything was great. Such an Adventure!

Any enquiries about joining Girlguiding should be registered at:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

Rainbows are aged 4+;
Brownies 7+; Guides 10+;
Rangers 14+



From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

Philip Lindley



The Academy and Parsonage

The origin of the Hinckley United Reformed Church goes back to the founding of an Independent congregation in Hinckley after the Great Ejection of 1662. The Reverend Thomas Leadbetter, and some of his congregation, left St Mary's parish church in 1662 and began to worship secretly in Burbage Woods. Later, this congregation met in a barn in the town, possibly in Bond End (now Bond Street) where there were many farms.

An *Inquiry Concerning Conventicles*, ordered by Archbishop Sheldon in 1669, reported that there was in Hinckley -

One conventicle of Presbiterians usually held on every Sunday in the afternoon at the dwelling house of Samuel Ward their numbers about twenty Mr. Nathaniel Stevens formerly minister of ffeney draiton now ejected being their preacher consisting of an ordinary sort of people ...

After the Act of Indulgence of 1672 granted freedom of worship to the non-conformists the house belonging to the hosier Samuel Ward was licensed as a meeting house in May 1672

At this time the connection of the Presbyterians and Independents was very close and in Hinckley the two denominations remained on friendly terms worshipping together.

Two small cottages were bought around 1698 and converted into a meeting house, and "on January 26, 1720, a parcel of ground" was bought for £222.2s, later to be the site of the Great Meeting.

The Reverend John Jennings, junior, a Congregationalist, came to Hinckley in 1720 to minister to the local congregation, and he also founded an Academy for the training of ministers near the meeting house.

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Jacqueline is running the 10k race for life on 14th July in Leicester.

She is running this for her cousin & grandad who have both recently passed away as well as her dad who is now recovered.

The link is below or please speak to Jacqueline directly. Thank you in advance for your support.



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jacquelines-race-for-life-2419>

What's On

- MONDAYS** **STAY & PLAY** | Children's Playgroup
Welcome to all with children 5yrs & under
10am-noon (side entrance). Term-time only.
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE | Help &
support with practising English for speakers of other
languages. noon—2pm (side entrance)
- WEDNESDAYS** **SPARKLERS** | Children's Playgroup (5yrs & below)
Group primarily for childminders with 5yrs & under
9:30-11:30am (side entrance). Term-time only.
WEDNESDAY @ONE | ecumenical service for all
1pm-1:30pm (front entrance)
- THURSDAYS** **DROP-IN** Chat & Coffee/Tea. All welcome
2-4pm (front entrance)
- FRIDAYS** **PRAYER GROUP** | All welcome
10-11am (front entrance)
- SUNDAYS** **SERVICE** | All welcome. Children's group.
10:45am-noon (front entrance)

MONTHLY PRAYER WALK | All welcome

Friday 28th June 9am at the top of Castle Street,
Hinckley. Ending at the church @9:45am.

HOUSEGROUP (CRICK) next meeting Wednesday 5th June in Karen
Jones' garden at 7.00pm
(COBB) To be confirmed.

Anyone not in a Housegroup and would like to, please
contact David C or Rob C.

Wednesday @One Services

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| Weds 1pm 5 th June | Rev Anthony Thacker (St Mary Hinckley) |
| Weds 1pm 12 th June | Rev Solomon Bentu (Tilton Rd Pentecostal) |
| Weds 1pm 19 th June | Rev Andrew Mudharara (HURC) |
| Weds 1pm 26 th June | Rev Daniel Cheyne (HURC) |
| Weds 1pm 3 rd July | Rev George Lea (HURC) |

Wednesday at One services are an ecumenical service available to all,
regardless of church or doctrine. All are welcome with teas & coffees
served after the 30-minute service.