

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

Fond Farewells @Hinckley URC



Sunday 19th January saw our morning service dedicated to blessing our departing minister, Reverend Andrew Mudharara, and his beloved family (wife, Candid, & daughter, Tavonga). Rev Mudharara led the service, though a heartfelt message was delivered by Church Secretary, Christine Thomas, on behalf of the congregation for his service to the church. Gifts and flowers were given to show appreciation, followed by time of fellowship over a buffet lunch.

BACKPACK APPEAL



Do you have a backpack you seldom use? Do you have toiletries, a torch, a sleeping bag, some new socks, hat or gloves to put in it? Please donate your items to Paul (Community & Outreach)) so we can put together backpacks for those in our community sleeping rough, especially as the nights get colder.

Parent Circle Families Forum

The conflict in the Middle East is escalating and very concerning for all of us. Tony and I learnt about this group on the breakfast news recently. I guess some of you already know about it. If you have access to the internet you can find more information by putting in the title of the group in the search box. This is an inter-faith organisation – people who have lost children and other family members on both sides of the conflict have joined together - and as Christians we can play our part by continuing to pray for peace and for the success of the forum.

The PCFF members are opposed to the occupation and believe that it is possible to end the conflict. They wish to influence the public and the political decision makers to choose reconciliation and the path of peace over violence and war

The PCFF vision is

To work towards an end to violence and towards achieving an accepted political agreement

- To create a framework for a reconciliation between the 2 people that takes into account that any political peace agreement must include an infrastructure for the process of reconciliation.
- To work towards an end to violence and towards achieving an accepted political agreement.
- To influence the public and the political decision makers to choose reconciliation and the path of peace over violence and war in order to achieve a just settlement based on empathy and understanding.
- To avoid the use of bereavement for further violence and retribution.
- Bereaved PCFF members are opposed to the Occupation and believe that attaining historical reconciliation between the nations is a prerequisite for turning a future peace treaty into sustainable Peace.
- The Parents Circle Families Forum invites anyone who has lost a family member due to the conflict, to join us. Together, we will work to prevent more bereavement, and to promote dialogue, tolerance, reconciliation and peace.

Please pray

Christine Thomas, Church Secetray

Join Us!



As our Children and Families Mission Enabler

Closing date for applications: 7 February 2025

Interview date: 14 February 2025 • Start Date: 1 May 2025

PERMANENT POSITION

35 hours per week

(open to job share)

Salary £25,489 - £29,120

(depending on skills, experience & qualifications)

OUR VISION IS TO NURTURE AND DEVELOP A GROWING AND VIBRANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN THE HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT.

We are seeking an adaptable and resourceful person who is skilled in engaging children and families and can provide support and direction to our existing initiatives in the circuit, as well as launching and growing new ones.

The successful candidate will build relationships with families who already have connections with church activities and those in the wider community,

supporting them from initial contact along a journey into discipleship.

For further details and information pack please contact our circuit administrator, Chris Bacon

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The post holds a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a Christian.

The successful applicant will require a successful Enhanced DBS disclosure.



The **Methodist Church**
Hinckley Circuit

Paul came from Uganda to the Hinckley URC as Youth Worker about 2011 for a year. He has since returning home to Uganda and has been involved in a thriving, growing church.

Paul was able to join the Tuesday evening Bible study with his family via Zoom. His wife Beatrice who preferred to stay in the background and the 2 older children joined in for part of the time. The youngest child is only a few weeks old.

Paul sends their regards and ask to be remembered to the Church. He told us via messenger later that he enjoyed the time and felt blessed by partaking in the worship, the study, and the prayers.

Although Uganda is 3 hours ahead of our UK time and it would have been midnight when the study ended, Paul said he would be joining in the study as and when he is able to.

Paul is undertaking studies towards his PhD in Theology/Biblical studies.

We thank God for Paul's life and his ministry and pray blessings on him, his family, and his church.



CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the March edition of Contact will be Sunday 16th February. The next edition will be available from Sunday 23rd February.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We collect items for the local food bank and for vulnerable people in the community, sometimes sleeping rough.

Are you able to donate? Our local community food bank has a particular need for these items:

baked beans, pasta sauce, biscuits, small tins of fruit and veg, 400g tins of veg, fruit juice, chocolate, confectionary.



News from The Vine - thank you to everyone who came through our doors during the run-up to Christmas. We had a particularly good season, which really helps us keep going through the quieter months. At the moment, when the weather is cold, we are still open everyday serving warming meals and providing a warm place for people to visit. We currently have a sale on of the remaining 2025 calendars and some prints from Manna Gifts that were £11.99 and are now £6.99 - they would make a lovely gift for birthdays or special occasions such as baptisms, or just to encourage. We are delighted to let you know that we have finally filled our vacancy for an assistant manager - Grace started with us in early January and will be covering Tuesdays, Thursday and alternate Fridays and Saturdays - please make yourself known to her. As Easter is late this year our Easter cards and Lent books will go out a little later than usual - look out for posts on our social media or request to join our customer email list for updates on new products.



February's Monthly Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 28th (9am) at the top of Castle Street, Hinckley (where the pedestrian area starts).

This 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.

COMING
SOON



CHURCH RAMBLE (Tony T)
Next walk announced soon
Please watch the weekly notices.

As our church prepares to grow in serving God by serving and loving our community & seeking His word, please join us in our prayer for growth...

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our
planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Tuesday Lunch Event - 11th February 2025

This month we will be having Chicken Casserole and Sweet. Please let me know if you would like to attend, thank you.

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Church Life Youth



At Rochelle, our aim is to provide children and adults of all ages with training and confidence to achieve their goals within a friendly, fun and hard working environment. Various classes are held in Ballet, Tap, Musical Theatre, Modern Jazz, Freestyle, Acrobatics, Theatrecraft, Hip Hop as well as Insanity and Stretching and Limbering.

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From Independent Chapel to Hinckley United Reformed Church

(part 7) By Phillip Lindley



Minister (Rev. Gordon Baker) and guests at rededication of the sanctuary.

The upstairs hall was used for worship during the renovation of the sanctuary.

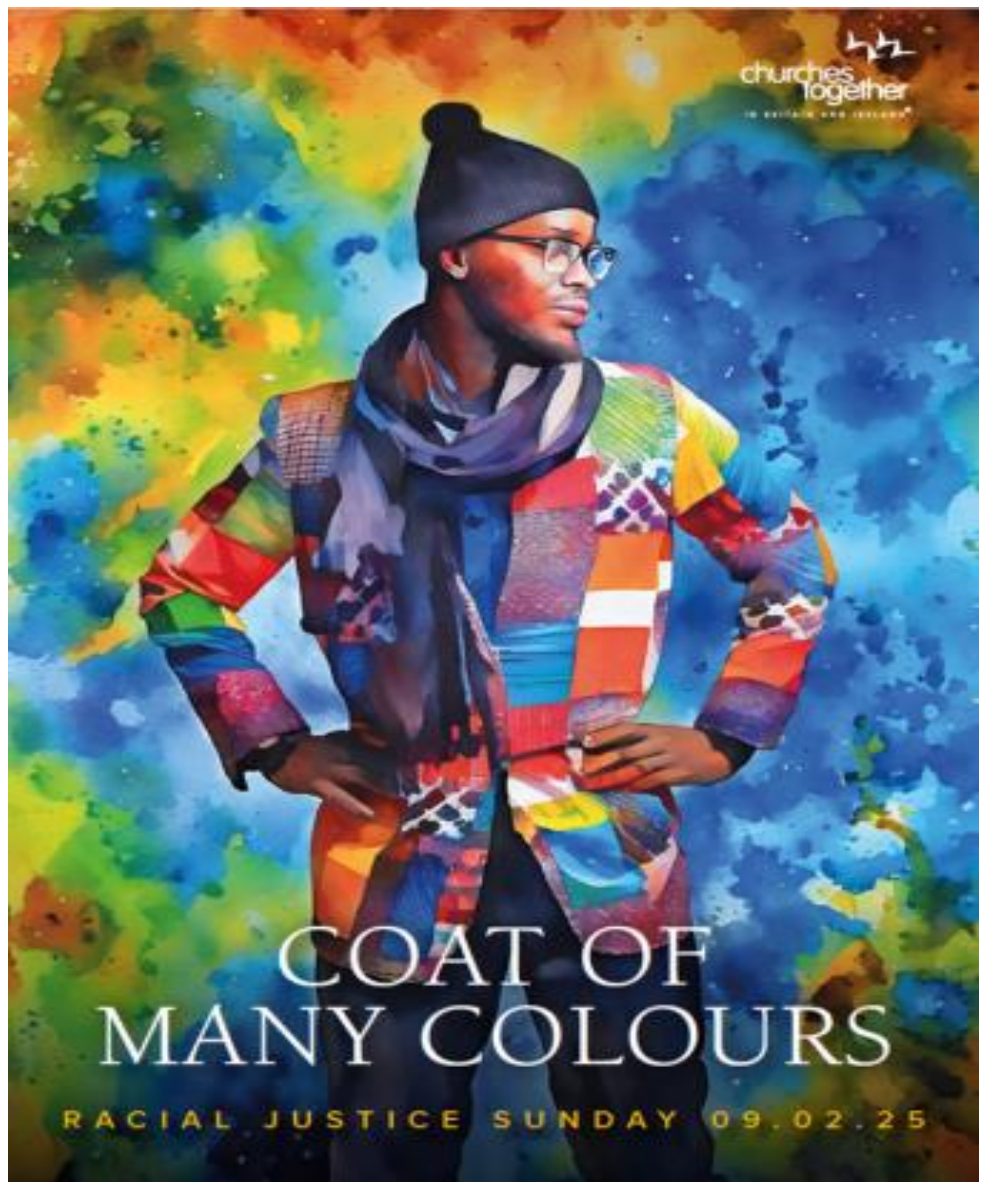


The Rev. John Slow, URC East Midlands Moderator, and the Rev. Bernard Thorogood, URC General Secretary, take part in the service of rededication of the sanctuary, 16th September 1989.



RACIAL JUSTICE

In 2025 Racial Justice Sunday is happening on 9 February. The theme has the title 'Coat of Many Colours', reflecting the increasing diversity that exists in the churches in Britain and Ireland.



Save the date!

Organ Recital

@ Hinckley United Reformed Church

Saturday 24th May 3pm

on the historic Holdich organ given by

Rachel Mahon (Organist and Director of Music, Coventry Cathedral)

.....Keep the date free!!!

Synod Picnic in the Park



The
United
Reformed
Church
East Midlands
Synod

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025, 11AM - 3PM
ROCK UK FRONTIER CENTRE,
NORTHANTS, NN9 5UH



BOOKING
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FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

Speakers for Sunday Services, starting 10:45am

- 2nd Rev Geoffrey Clarke (Parade Service)
- 9th Martin Gage
- 16th Rev Lesley Moseley (includes a Baptism and Holy Communion)
- 23rd Rev Daniel Cheyne. Followed by Church Meeting.
- 2nd March, Paul Wake

Church Meeting
& 2024 Financial Report
Sunday 23rd February,
following service.



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 February at the top of Castle Street, Hinckley.
Ending at the church @9:45am.

HOUSEGROUP Please see David Crick & Rob Cobb for details.

Wednesday @One Services

Wednesday at One services are a half hour ecumenical service available to all, regardless of church or doctrine. Starting at 1pm.

Wednesday, 5th February Bob Stephen, St Mary's, Hinckley

Wednesday, 12th February Robin Hanford, Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel, Hinckley

Wednesday, 19th February John Moore, St John's, Hinckley

Wednesday, 26th February To be confirmed

For more information, please contact Charles Leggat 07754702241

All are welcome with teas & coffees served after the 30-minute service.