



Contact

June '25 Edition

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WELCOME to the June edition of CONTACT, the newsletter for all those associated with Hinckley United Reformed Church and our wider community.



Sometimes the first encounter with Jesus a person has is when they see Him in us.

Whether we realise it or not, we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses that scrutinises our speech and our actions. Some do not just judge us on what they see & hear, some judge our God through us. While a great responsibility, it is also a great privilege.

As Christians we are called upon to share our faith with others. Some may be equipped to stand in the marketplace with a loudspeaker, but God made us all differently.

We are created unique and have been equipped with our own God-given talents to communicate the Gospel with others in a variety of ways.

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” Acts 2:4 (NIV)

In the month of Pentecost, let us share the gift of the Gospel with those around us. Let us not proselytise or beat people about the head with God’s Holy Word, but let us use the talents we were given to share the Good News.



The United Reformed Church, East Midlands Synod, have launched the Talking Faith campaign. Resources, including the Talking Faith prayer, are available here:

<https://www.urc5.org.uk/resources/talking-faith-prayer>

The Power of Prayer, part 2 by Paul Wake



“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Matthew 18:19-20 NIV

My recent illness taught me many things, one of which was the value of communal prayer. My personal prayer life was diminished with an all-consuming brain fog. Yet it was praying with others I missed the most. The connection of my heart to the Lord in prayer felt like I was doing it from the bottom of a swimming pool. Thankfully, when the Lord inclines His ear to our prayers He can hear our hearts clearly, though the Lord may not answer our prayers in such a clear fashion.

The power of prayer of a believer is undeniable, this is multiplied when we pray together.

Jesus, Himself, extols us to pray together in Matthew 18. When we pray together in a spirit of unity we engender a deeper connection with God and with one another. The early church spent time in prayer together. Acts 1:14 tells us they were in constant prayer corporately. Praying communally enables those not confident to express their prayers out loud to be as much a part as any other individual expressing prayers out loud. The Hebrew Talmud explains that by saying, “Amen” at the end of communal prayers we are entering into a tri-faceted prayerful covenant with God.

Firstly, it is an oath in accepting the spiritual agreement. Secondly, it is an acceptance of the statement of terms of the prayer and thirdly, it is a declaration of recognition that God will fulfil the statement. God may not answer prayer in the way we would expect, though in the communion of saints we acknowledge that His will is done and that our prayers are always answered.

Please join us in one or all of our prayer groups:

MONDAY evening online prayer group.

THURSDAY (10am) our community & church prayer group.

FRIDAY (10am) ecumenical prayer group.

SUNDAY (10:25am) pre-service prayer group.

LAST FRIDAY of month (9am) prayer walk for the community.

Synod Picnic in the Park



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SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025, 11AM - 3PM
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THE VINE

Jessica
Harrison

Now that the sun is out it's a great time to book an Afternoon Tea. We serve a lovely tea, all made fresh to order with homemade scones and cakes for just £13.50 a head. All we ask is that you book at least 48 hours before - do consider us if you have a special occasion or just fancy a treat! In June we have one of our annual special weeks - Independent Bookshop Week, which runs from 14th - 21st June - where we will be giving away a mystery book with every book purchase of £10 or more! We will be expecting new Take Note books towards the end of May and new Kids Corner books in mid-June - as ever we will put new arrivals on our social media, if you would rather get updates via email just let us know and we'll add you to our mailing list.



June's Monthly Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 27th (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.



Coaches Wanted

**Know someone that enjoys American Football?
Know someone that wants to support
young people in our community?**

American Football is one of the fastest growing sports in Europe. The non-contact version will even be an Olympic sport at the LA games in 2028.

We are looking to hold 2 x day camps for young people (U16) in our community over the summer and are looking for adults to help.

Experience Not Required

Full Training Given

Email coachwake@aol.com for further information



Hinckley & District Museum

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Event Days

Events held regularly through the summer holidays including; Stone Age – Roman – Tudor – Victorian. See the website for more details.

Talks

Our annual talks programme offers a monthly talk from March to November (excl July & August). Open to all on fascinating historical subjects. See the website for more details.

ENTRY FEES

Museum Entry £4 Adults / Children (5+) £1 / Members Free

Event Days £4 Adults / Children (5+) £2 / Members Free

Talks £5 Non-members / £1 Members



A prayer for our commercial community from Rev Malcolm Clarke...

Dear Father

In view of the economic concerns of the world, of our continent, and of our nation, we pray in particular for the businesses of the Town in which we live, some of whom will be stretched to the limit by rule changes made in Business Rates and in National Insurance. We pray for the women and men who run these businesses and for their families, who depend upon them for their everyday livelihood. We pray for the BID Town Centre members and for those who run and support BID.

Since we are all residents and workers in this same community help us all to encourage and support one another and help us to express our support in practical ways wherever possible. Come Lord Jesus and bless our Community with Faith, Hope and Love.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

save ^{THE} date

Advanced Notice: Saturday 11th October - Free Church Choirs Festival of Church Music at Coventry Cathedral. Our choir will be taking part, if you would like to sing in the Festival, anthem books are available (£12.00). If you don't wish to sing but want to attend, please keep the date free.

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.

“Dear Friends

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards and beautiful flowers we received on our thirtieth wedding anniversary! We also enjoyed a wonderful time in Aberdovey and brought the sunshine back for you all to enjoy! With our love Kathy and Ian xx”

Talking

Faith



The
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Talking Faith Day

Saturday 13 September 2025

WORSHIP

10.00am - 3.30pm
St Martins House, Leicester
Bring your own lunch

WORKSHOPS

BIBLE STUDY

A day of encouragement as we explore together the Synod focus of Talking Faith

Opening Worship and Keynote will be delivered by friends from Mersey Synod,
Revd Louise Franklin, Revd Stuart Radcliffe and Emma Jackson.

We will also have workshops led by **Revd Martin Ferris** (East Midlands Synod),
Lindsey Brown (URC Evangelism and Ecumenical Officer), **Revd Louise Franklin** and
Emma Jackson.

The day will conclude with a short Bible study.

Come to be inspired in **Talking Faith** in your everyday life, a fun day of
fellowship and friendship together.

Resources and information will also be provided to help Talking Faith continue
to be explored in our churches.



All are welcome to join us for this free event!
Early booking is recommended as we have limited spaces.
visit: <https://bit.ly/talkingfaithday>



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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So you think God can't use you?

The next time you think God can't use you, remember...

Noah was a drunkard— Genesis 9:21

Abraham was too old— Genesis 17:17

Jacob was a liar— Genesis 27:1-29

Moses stuttered— Exodus 4:10-13

Gideon was afraid— Judges 6:15

Rahab was a prostitute— Joshua 2:1

David was an adulterer and a murderer— 2 Samuel 11:1-27

Elijah was suicidal— 1 Kings 19:4

Jonah ran from God— Jonah 1:3

Naomi was a widow— Ruth 1:3

Peter denied Christ— Matthew 26:33-35

The disciples fell asleep while praying— Matthew 26:40

Martha worried about everything— Luke 10:41-42

The Samaritan woman was divorced— Mark 12:19-2

Zacchaeus was too small— Luke 19:1-10

Lazarus was dead!— John 11:38-44



So, what's your excuse? In truth God can use you to your full potential whatever your past. Why? Because you aren't the message, you are the messenger.

Article from a north east magazine, submitted by Carole W



OPEN CHURCH



Following Pentecost, we will be launching an "Open Church" activity for those new in their faith or seeking answers. Please let me know if you would like to attend, help-out or know someone who would be interested in attending. Paul Wake

We don't know all the answers, but we know the One that does.

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Hinckley United Reformed Church “The Borough Church”



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JUNE SERVICE SPEAKERS

Sunday services commence at 10:45am with refreshments following.

Sunday 1st Rev Keith Salter

Sunday 8th Rev Lesley Moseley (Pentecost)

Sunday 15th Rev Daniel Cheyne (inc Holy Communion)

Sunday 22nd Paul Wake

Sunday 29th Martin Gage



CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the July edition of Contact will be Friday 20th June. The next edition will be available from Sunday 29th June.

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
The prayer walk takes place on the last Friday of the
month, starting 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, 4th June – Dennis Spence, Hinckley URC

Wednesday, 11th June - Karl Woodward Hinckley Baptist Church

Wednesday, 18th June - Simon Cooper Refreshment

Wednesday, 25th June - Bob Stephen St Mary's, Hinckley

For more information, please contact Charles Leggat 07754702241

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