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Summer '25 Edition

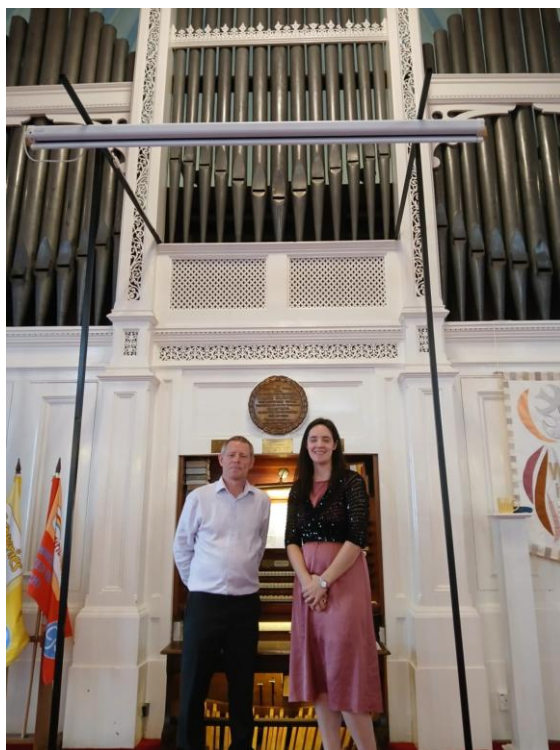


**WELCOME** to the Summer (July and August) edition of CONTACT, the newsletter for all those associated with Hinckley United Reformed Church and our wider community.

*Praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipes.*

**Psalm 150:4**

On Saturday 24th May we were privileged to have Rachel Mahon, who is the Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral come and play our organ. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Rachel has a really impressive CV, giving concerts around the world in addition to the UK. The week after she was in Hinckley, Rachel was playing in Oslo and in the summer she is performing at the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall. Rachel gave us a varied programme with works by well-known composers such as Bach and Mendelssohn, but also lesser-known pieces including some by her Canadian compatriots Gerald Bales and Healey Willan.



### A CELEBRATION

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Dennis in to long overdue United Reformed Church membership.

We heard 17th Century French music (by Nicolas de Grigny) through to pieces composed within living memory, finishing with a thrilling finale by another French composer, Jean Langlais, complete with the 'Westminster Chimes' played on the pedals. She really put the organ through its paces - over the course of the recital I think she used every stop on the organ! With Rachel's impeccable technique and fine musicianship we were treated to a recital of the highest order. We are extremely grateful to an anonymous donor for helping towards the cost of putting on the concert, without which it wouldn't have been possible to go ahead. Thank you to all those from the church who attended and a special thanks to those who helped on the door, served refreshments, and helped put the church back together for Sunday worship.

David C





# 2025 Snapdragon Festival

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August - 11am - 3pm**

As the summer approaches - we thank God for the wonderful opportunities we will have to meet with our community, share the good news of Jesus and have fun!. We are so blessed and excited to support our local council at the Snapdragon Festival again and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. We will be doing lots of craft activities, games and talking with families and we need help to be do this. If you are able to sit and chat - that is perfect - please put your name on the list or speak to Rachel or Paul. Let's show our community the love of Jesus. *Rachel*



*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

**Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)**

Congratulations to our own Jacqui B, who has been offered a place at the 2026 London Marathon (taking place on Sunday 26 April)

# FOND Farewell & New Beginnings

Jessica Harrison

**News from The Vine** - We are going through a time of change here with a manager leaving, a new manager taking the role on and support staff joining the team so we ask for your prayers and support during this transitional time. I have been manager of The Vine for seven years and have seen a lot of change in that time (not least the pandemic!) but I feel that this is the right time to hand things over to a new pair of hands. I know you will show your support for Grace R and Grace P (!) as they begin their new roles. My final day at The Vine will be Tuesday 29th July and on that day, if you would like to say goodbye, there will be free cake for all customers so come in and buy a drink (or a book!) and enjoy some homemade cake!

Before that happens we have three Saturdays where our opening hours will change slightly due to the school holidays - for the 12th, 19th and 26th July we'll open from 10am-3pm and hope that this makes it easier for people to get to us before closing (our slightly earlier usual opening hours are due to a dance school sharing our premises). We are constantly getting in new books, gifts and cards and are a great place to source for gifts for all occasions - we have the summer edition of Kids Corner newly arrived with some great books for prizes, gifts and to keep kids entertained over the holidays. We're also looking for new volunteers so if you could spare a few hours a week to help run our coffee shop we would love to hear from you ([thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk)). We hope to see you soon -  
Jessica



The next church meeting is planned for Sunday 27th July after worship. Please attend if you can.

## **CHURCH MEETING**



## **PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED**

We will soon be launching a bi-monthly prayer sheet for ministry, community and outreach work associated with our church. This will include the current ministries, coming work with disengaged youth, sports ministry, partnerships with agencies supporting vulnerable adults. Your focused prayers are needed. Look out for the prayer sheets soon.



July & August Monthly Prayer Walks will take place on Fridays 25<sup>th</sup> July & 29<sup>th</sup> August (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](mailto: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 <sup>THE</sup> 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.*

### **Let's Talk Mission**

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Refreshment UK are hosting an event at Atkins Building, where there is a chance to hear some of our vision for the centre of Hinckley and to network and share ideas about what could happen. It's a free event, but registration would help. See Paul or Rachel for details.





Talking

Faith



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church  
East Midlands  
Synod

# 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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## SUMMER SERVICE SPEAKERS

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

July

6th Tom Donoghue (*Synod Mission Development Officer - Parade Service*)

13th Paul Wake

20th Julie Payne (including Holy Communion)

27th TBA

August

3rd Ray Green

10th Paul Wake / Rachel Cobb (*Snapdragon Service*)

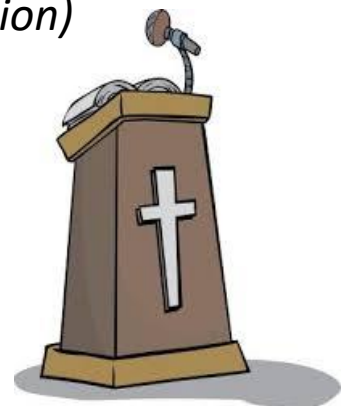
17th Rev Daniel Cheyne (*including Holy Communion*)

24th Nigel Roberts

31st Wendy Hall & Rev Lesley Moseley

September

7th Geoff Milnes



- 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*

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

**2nd July - Dennis Spence Hinckley URC**

**9th July - Robin Hanford Great Meeting, Hinckley**

**16th July - Malcolm Clarke Hinckley Baptist Church**

**23rd July - Awaiting confirmation**

**30th July - Gwen Coley Hinckley Methodist Church**

For more information, please contact Charles Leggat 07754702241  
All are welcome with teas & coffees served after the 30-minute service.