



# **Contact**

## **October '25 Edition**



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



# Let us pray

Despite a healthy prayer life being a mainstay of our relationship with God, if we are honest with ourselves, few of us pray anywhere near enough.

Retired Reverend George & Betty Lea have served us well with the distribution of regular prayer lists to help focus us in our prayers. They are now passing the baton on, and we are using the opportunity to invite new people to contribute and help to lead us in our prayers.

## **Could you contribute?**

Be encouraged to encourage others in prayer. The prayers may relate to glorifying God, mission, people, the church, our nation or other nations.

**Please contact Paul W if you would like to contribute.**

## **COMMUNITY MISSION UPDATE**

The cross-church work with young people in our community over August went very well. We take a small break until October half term as we look to recruit more volunteers and purchase appropriate equipment for this work.

Linked to this we will also be partnering with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on a weekly street chaplaincy in November. Again, we are seeking volunteers to share the work. Anyone interested in volunteering should speak with Paul W. Though we ask everyone to pray for this work.



*Enabling churches to house the homeless*

We are proud to be partnering with you at Hinckley URC and believe that you are fulfilling God's command in Isaiah 58 to:

".... loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke.... to share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter."

We work with you, as well as other churches, to house people in danger of or experiencing homelessness, offering temporary supported housing where the tenants can have a safe place to live, find their feet and help get prepared to move on with strategies in place to for a successful future tenancy. For more details about what we do go to our website: [www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/coventry](http://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/coventry).

As you may be aware, the first two tenants at Janet Jones House have moved on.

We hoped that they would be moving on to their own accommodation, having engaged with the help from Lynith, their Empowerment Worker, and the amazing support and friendship offered by Carol, Karen, Sue and Lesley as the Friendship and Support team. Sadly, both of the tenants chose to go down a different path that meant that they were no longer eligible for a tenancy at the house. We thank God that you had the opportunity to show God's love and grace to them. Our measure of success is for the church to be active in loving the homeless and for tenants to experience that love and this has certainly been the case over the last few months. Who knows what seeds were planted or shoots were nurtured through their time at the house.

We will continue to hold these two up to God in prayer and look forward to working with you to provide housing for the next tenants who God brings our way.

Becky Clarke and Jo Locke-Wheaton  
Franchise Managers, Hope into Action: Coventry

Not everyone is a fan of hip-hop/rap, though it is essentially poetry set to music. Friend of the church, Vinny, “spat these bars” (hip hop term) for me a while ago. I asked him to write them down for others to enjoy and he graciously agreed. It is more impressive when rapped, though certainly still merits a read as a heartfelt poem.

*“I read in the pages of History exactly what Jesus  
Did for me,  
This is the Holy Bible,  
If you read it it will make you smile,  
This stuff is deep it's deeper than a mile,  
Have one in your place and don't think you sad,  
Leaving it on a shelf gathering dust, trust,  
The bible is a must,  
All you do is open it on a page,  
And don't think of any rage,  
Just because you're locked in a cage,  
God is always there anybody can get saved,  
You're way is already paved,  
Through Jesus Christ, who gave his life,  
Upon the cross, just for us,  
You ain't gotta to listen to me,  
Come church on a sundee,  
You will see everything I say is true,  
It's down to you,  
God love you, and your family too,  
All you have to do is pray  
And say, what you have to say,  
You need to understand that Jesus IS the way to  
eternal life in heaven,  
The Holy spirit is with you 24/7  
Don't make me say any of this again,  
Just follow, in the name of the Farther, won and  
Holy spirit Amen”*



# The Cross in the Flag

(part one) Paul Wake

In reaction to the public unrest about immigration we sent care packages, including the following letter to businesses in the Borough that are owned, managed or staffed by people born outside of the UK...

“We appreciate these are challenging times for those not born in the United Kingdom. Some are flying the England and national flag (Union Flag) for reasons other than harmless patriotism.

On behalf of our churches, we thank you for your service to the town of Hinckley and assure you that you are valued members of this community.

We encourage you to take a moment to look at these flags and find hope in them. People filled with hate and fear will often mis-use symbols and flags. The cross symbolising the ultimate act of loving sacrifice by Jesus Christ lies at the heart of the flag, whether the England or national flag.



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## Hinckley & District Museum

| Small museum...Hidden treasures

30 Lower Bond St, Hinckley

[Hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk](http://Hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk)

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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



# The Cross in the Flag

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“To Christians this is not just a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, but a reminder of our responsibilities to stand with those facing injustice. We believe all are made in the image of God and are taught to love our neighbours, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender or nationality.

Many verses in the Holy Bible remind us of this command. For example;

***When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.***

**Leviticus 19:33–34**

We will pray that this situation improves and that you will be blessed in our community.

Please let us know if there is anything specifically we can pray for you. “



**The October Prayer Walk** will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> (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.





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*



# ***PLEASE***

Remember to bring non-perishable produce for the Harvest Service (5<sup>th</sup> Oct) which will be shared between Hinckley Foodbank and Lawrence House.

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION** *Please take great care when sharing these contact details with other people. This information will not appear in the version of Contact on the church website.*

CHURCH ROLE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
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Children/ Youth	Chris Sharrock	02476 746752
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Music	David Crick	07973 498692
Flowers	Kathy Smith	634158
Catering	Carole Wallis	01455 446468
Contact Newsletter	Paul Wake	07591 527942

**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.



# THE VINE



The Vine is in particular need of volunteers. Owing to health conditions and household commitments, many of our wonderful helpers have had to leave us in recent months. Please join our prayers of thanksgiving for their contribution to The Vine as well as our best wishes for their health and future endeavours. Meanwhile we ask if you (or someone you know) has an hour or two to give - to assist with kitchen duties such as washing up, customer service and using a till - please get in touch. In return a warm welcome, a drink or lunch on us (depending on shift length) is awaiting, as well as becoming part of this vital support to the Christian and wider community of Hinckley.

In other news we recently had our Food Hygiene inspection and were awarded the highest score of 5 -

...with which we are so pleased. Our thanks to Tony for his quick follow-up to some maintenance issues just the couple of weeks prior, once they were raised to his attention, as this helped tick some of the inspectors boxes (of which there were many!)

You may have noticed some more small changes and improvements inside The Vine - drawing the eye toward our wonderful books in particular - we also have new stock of beautiful Holy Socks, leather keyrings, encouragement bookmarks and FaithStrings bracelets. Whether you are a regular or a newcomer pop in and see what we have available, we will be happy to help.



***I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing.***

**John 15:5**





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.*



### **CONTACT DEADLINE**

The deadline for submissions and information for the October edition of Contact will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The next edition will be available from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.



**Including our very own  
Hinckley URC Choir!**



# **Festival of Church Music**

**Theme – Justice and Freedom**

**Coventry Cathedral**  
**Saturday 11th October 2025**  
**at 6.00pm**

**Choirs from across the country**

**Service Led by Martin Leckebusch**  
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### ***Wednesday @One Services***

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

**Weds, 1st Oct Robin Lister Wednesday at One organist**

**Weds, 8th Oct John Moore St John's, Hinckley**

**Weds, 15th Oct Daniel Cheyne Hinckley URC**

**Weds, 22nd Oct Anne Hayward Holy Trinity, Hinckley**

**Wednesday, 29th Oct 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.

*speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

**Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)**



- 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).  
**FALCON DROP IN** 10:30-12:30 Falcon (SS) for advice  
with housing & support services.
- 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.  
Starting at 9am and ending at the church @9:45am.
- HOUSEGROUP** Please see David Crick & Rob Cobb for details.
- PRAYER GROUPS** Monday (eve) online, Thursday 10-11am (church &  
community), Friday 10-11am (ecumenical).

## **OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICE SPEAKERS**

- Sun 5th Oct Rev Daniel Cheyne (*Harvest and Parade Service*)  
Sun 12th Oct Rae Morrall  
Sun 19th Oct Julie Payne (*includes Holy Communion*)  
Sun 26th Oct Rev Lesley Moseley  
Sun 2nd Nov John Moore

**Sunday services start 10:45am  
unless stated otherwise**

