



Contact

November '25 Edition

Hinckley
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CHURCH

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

Any vehicle to witness of God's Glory

Last month's Hinckley BID Motor Show was the biggest yet and with part of the show we used the opportunity of sharing the Gospel.



Fittingly vintage motorcycles from local manufacturer, **Triumph**, featured outside the church this year. Though not the vehicle of course, but the word is featured many times in the Bible.

"the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

Revelation 17:14



Church AGM and election of elders

The next church meeting (AGM) will be held on **Sunday 23rd November** after worship. Nominations for serving on the eldership will be received at this meeting and forms are available in church for members to nominate and elect another member. It would be very helpful to have more elders serving on the eldership in order to share the load. This would also enable any current serving elder to take a break when they have served for two consecutive three year terms as stated in our URC constitution. So please could you give this prayerful consideration and think about who you might approach to serve in this way. Maybe you feel called to consider serving yourself. If so, you can talk to any of the elders, serving or non-serving, if you would like some more information and guidance. The forms need to be returned to me by 9th November, the day before the next elders' meeting. Thank you for your support and God bless you.

Christine, on behalf of the eldership.

Got an idea?

Jacqui B is looking for fundraising ideas for her marathon charity Macmillan campaign, "I am thinking of organising something for Jan/feb time. So far I have an idea of a coffee morning incorporating selling cakes. If anyone has any ideas please let me know. Thank you in advance"



Synod Picnic 2026

The United Reformed Church East Midlands Synod

SATURDAY 16 MAY, 11AM - 3PM
EMMANUEL CHURCH,
LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3NW

Join us to meet with folk from churches across the Synod, for fellowship and fun!

A meeting for all ages; bring the whole family, pack a picnic basket and enjoy a day of outdoor adventure!

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To book email:
eventsandcomms@urc5.org.uk
or scan the QR code

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Sunday 7th December
7pm.

Blue Christmas / Memorial Service to remember those we have lost during the year

Sunday December 14th
10.45am.

Rev Daniel Cheyne (to include communion)

Sunday December
21st 4.00pm
Carol Service

Wednesday December
24th 5.00pm
Christmas Eve
Communion led by Rev Daniel Cheyne

Christmas Day
10.00am Rev Lesley Mosely



Sent to Coventry

Members of our church choir formed part of the choir at the Festival of Church Music 2025 held last month in the impressive Coventry cathedral. Hymns and worshipful music were chosen for this year's theme of "Justice & Freedom". 2027 will see the festival held at St Albans cathedral.



Hinckley & District Museum

| Small museum...Hidden treasures

30 Lower Bond St, Hinckley

Hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number 1015922



Event Days

Events held regularly through the summer holidays including; Stone Age – Roman – Tudor – Victorian. 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

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.

Elders' Elections '25

Could you assist in this vital church role?

Any member can nominate another member for election as an elder, but must obtain the consent of the person they intend to nominate first.

Nomination forms are available in church and should be returned to Christine T by Sunday 9th November.



The November 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.

Walk by
FAITH
Not by Sight



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

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)

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 Christmas edition of Contact will be Sunday 16th November. The next edition will be available from Sunday 30th November.

How are your feet?

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.

Isaiah 52:7



We are looking for Christians with a heart to serve others to partner in street chaplaincy and working with young people in our community.



- *Training & support given,*
- *Equipment provided,*
- *Working with other Christians*

- *DBS required with church leadership reference*

A pilot has already been carried out in conjunction with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and so we are looking for the next phase in partnership with other organisations

- *Hinckley town centre & other locations.*
- *Wednesday early evening (on street pop up youth work)*
- *Friday evening chaplaincy on the street.*



**For further information or to apply please contact Paul
EMAIL coachwake@aol.com or TEXT 07591 527942**



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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 5th Nov Paul Wake Hinckley United Reformed Church

Weds 12th Nov Simon Cooper Refreshment UK

Weds 19th Nov Simon Wearn Holy Trinity, Hinckley

Weds 26th Nov Ian Hill 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).

NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICE SPEAKERS

- 2nd John Moore
9th Rev Lesley Moseley (*Remembrance Sunday*)
16th Julie Payne (*including Holy Communion*)
23rd Paul Wake
30th Richard & Malvolia Benham

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

