



# Contact

March '26 Edition



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

trypraying.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO  
DON'T DO CHURCH



“The desire to reach out to God is basic to many people. Trypraying is a resource for people with no church connection or interest, but open to find out about God. The trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide and is now being used to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement, ‘Why don’t you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?’

If you want information about the project that has grown around this go to [do.trypraying.org](http://do.trypraying.org) “

## TRY PRAYING INDOORS & OUTDOORS

**There will be prayer activities in Hinckley town centre on Saturday morning 7<sup>th</sup> March. In conjunction with this our church will be hosting a Try Praying group in our vestibule from 9am to 1pm.**

**This will be in a comfortable setting where people will be available to encourage and pray alongside visitors if asked with free beverages available too.**

**Please come along to join us if you are available and encourage others to do so.**

# Answered Prayer

Freddie is Betty Heard's great grandson, Kerrie's grandson and known to some as, "The poorly baby". However, as you can see here, he's a very contented, happy baby. We pray God's blessings upon him.

Congratulations to you all, Ruth G



Permission has been granted to show these pictures.

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the  
date®

**Come & celebrate  
partnership social  
justice work in our  
community  
involving our  
church on Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> May in our  
service of Hope.**



## BACH @ ONE

In a change to the usual Wednesday at 1pm service format, 4<sup>th</sup> March sees our own HURC worship leader, David Crick, giving an organ recital of pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). German composer, JS Bach, was a man of deep Christian faith reflected in his music and will be referenced by David.

## 2 Months & Running...



Our own Jacqui B has been working hard with training going well for the 2026 London Marathon in 2 months to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please see Jacqui for ways you could support and/or donate (link below).

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-brown-1750710431035?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-brown-1750710431035?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)



The March Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</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.

Walk by  
**FAITH**  
Not by Sight

# Commitment for Life



Loving God,

You breathe life into all creation,  
calling us to walk gently on the earth  
and to stand boldly for what is right.

Open our eyes to the struggles of our neighbours,  
near and far,

and open our hearts to share what we have  
so that none are forgotten,  
and all may live with dignity and hope.

Give us courage to speak for peace  
where there is conflict,  
to act for justice where there is oppression,  
and to sow kindness where there is hurt.

May our lives reflect Your love,  
our choices honour Your creation,  
and our hands work together  
for a world made whole.

In the name of Christ,  
Amen.





# Organ Recital

@ Hinckley United  
Reformed Church  
LE10 1NL

[www.hinckleyurc.org.uk](http://www.hinckleyurc.org.uk)

Saturday 23rd May 3pm

Admission:

Adults: £5

Under 18s: Free

Guest Organist

Paul Carr (West Midlands)

*Organist & Associate Director of Music St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham*  
*Artistic Director Thursday Live Organ Recitals*  
*Organist St Bartholomew's Church Penn Wolverhampton*  
*Musical Director Selly Park Singers*

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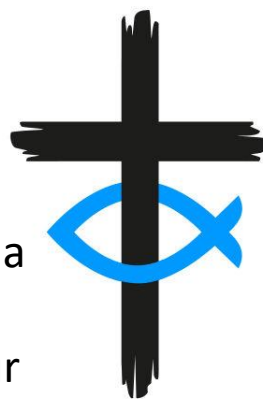
## Safeguarding training

Church House is offering several specialist training modules this year. Please refer to the poster in the vestibule.

The modules are two hours and are via zoom.

If you wish to sign up please send your name, church, role and the course you wish to attend

to [Emma.pearce@urc.org.uk](mailto:Emma.pearce@urc.org.uk)



*The*  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

# Synod Picnic



The  
United  
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East Midlands  
Synod

## 2026

**LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL,  
MIND AND STRENGTH**

**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!

**BOUNCY  
CASTLE**

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**CHRISTIAN  
MEDITATION**

To book email:  
[trainingpa@urc5.org.uk](mailto:trainingpa@urc5.org.uk)  
or scan the QR code



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**TALKING FAITH**

**GAMES**

**ACTIVITIES**



# THE VINE



It is hard to think of in this chilly weather, but thoughts are already turning toward Easter and we are pleased to have a wide selection of Christian Easter cards now in stock. Packs of small cards and individual cards with bible verses are available - we have Mothering Sunday cards in stock also. We have a lovely new range of adult and children's books from our supplier - do pop in for a leaflet of the new titles or come and browse the shelves for these special offers.

We are always happy to take orders over the phone or via email to 01455 612345 and [thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk) - we also regularly update our facebook and instagram pages. For Lent only we have a special offer of all herbal teas only £2 per pot of tea - that includes green tea, peppermint, chamomile and red berries - all are Fairtrade. Simply mention the 'Lenten Tea' offer at the till; we look forward to seeing you.

Grace,  
The Vine Manager



***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 April edition of Contact will be Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The next edition will be available from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## ***For Your Information....***



**Charity Registration No. 297013**

26 January 2026

Dear Colleague,

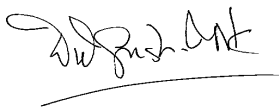
I am writing to you as the representative of a congregation that has previously received a grant from the Congregational and General Charitable Trust. The primary objective of the Trust is to support United Reformed and Congregational Federation churches in their witness and service. The Trust depends upon volunteers who are willing to serve on the Board of Trustees and review applications for grant assistance received from congregations like yours. Individual trustees review applications sent to them by the Administrator in preparation for a meeting four times a year in Leeds. We are looking for people to join us as Trustees.

If this is a ministry that you might consider then please contact the Trust Administrator Ms Bea Walshaw, email: [admin@candgtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@candgtrust.org.uk)

We would welcome enquiries from both lay and ordained members of the URC and Congregational Federation. Knowledge of investment policy and finance is an advantage but primarily we are looking for people willing to assess the merits of applications. You will know how much a grant is appreciated by congregations and we want to continue to use the resources of the Trust to support and encourage others. To do this we need people to join us!

We do not offer any financial reward, although full expenses are met, but we do believe that there is reward in serving our churches in this way.

Please consider whether you or any other member of your congregation might be called to this work.



Chair of the Trust and Past Moderator of the URC General Assembly

## *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.

[rochelle-dance.co.uk](http://rochelle-dance.co.uk)

Tel 0794 912 1442

At Grays Drama Academy CIC we are passionate about teaching the key elements of Acting, Singing and Music for stage and screen. We cater for students from 6 years upwards and our classes are fun, educational, exciting, and fully engaging for pupils of all ages.



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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.

4 Mar	David Crick (Bach recital)	Hinckley United Reformed Church
11 Mar	Jane Henderson (Chapln)	St Johns, Hinckley
18 Mar	Chelsea Huddleston	Salvation Army
25 Mar	Tom Foxon	Good News Bible
1 Apr	Paul Wake (Chaplain)	Hinckley United Reformed Church

Teas & coffees are served after the 30-minute service.

***Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2 (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 (except Dec), starting at the top of Castle Street,  
Hinckley. Starting at 9am and ending at the church.
- HOUSEGROUP** Please see David Crick & Rob Cobb for details.
- PRAYER GROUPS** Monday (eve) online, Thursday 10-11am (church &  
community), Friday 10-11am (ecumenical).

### **MARCH SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS**

- 1st Julie Payne (elder) HURC  
8th Paul Wake (chaplain, outreach) HURC  
Mothering Sunday 15th Rev Daniel Cheyne (Comm)  
22nd Martin Gage (guest speaker)  
Palm Sunday 29th Nigel Roberts (guest speaker)  
Maundy Thursday 2nd Rev Lesley Moseley (Comm)



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