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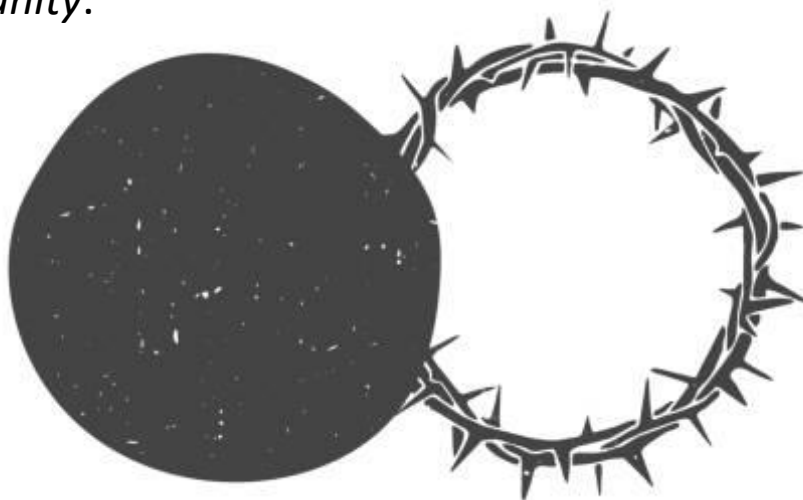
April '26 Edition



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

He is Risen!

At Easter we celebrate the greatest day in history. When victory over sin & death was won through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



He is Risen!

Easter represents hope, renewal and the promise of eternal life. Through the Lord's sacrifice we are offered forgiveness and reconciliation with God.



Walk of Witness

Good Friday (3 April) will see hundreds of Christians from many churches walk through the town. The walk starts at St Peters at 11am and culminates in the market square at 11:30am. Hot cross buns & beverages and fellowship to follow at our church.

The town of Hinckley will be celebrating a Christian soldier from the middle east and patron saint of England, St George, on Saturday 25th April. We will be hosting a craft & activities stand for family fun. Come along & help out or just say hello.



St George's Day

HOPE

Come & celebrate partnership social justice work in our community involving our church on Sunday 31st May in our Service of Hope. Food & fellowship to follow the service.

We will be joined by representatives and guests from our *Smart Recover group (Turning Point), Falcon Support Services and Hope Into Action*



On Sunday 26 April we welcome Catriona Wheeler to lead our service. Catriona is the Moderator of the General Assembly of the URC so it is a privilege for us as a church to have her leading our worship. Please make every effort to attend if you are able.

We announce the passing of former minister at our church, Rev Malcolm Clarke. Malcolm served in Christian ministry for over half a century. He served in a number of roles in this community, including as minister of this church from 1990 to 2016.

A service of thanksgiving will be held at Hinckley Baptist Church on Thursday 2nd April at 2pm.

Further details can be found at www.gseller.co.uk/obituaries



Passing of former minister

Jacqui Running the Race



“Thank you to everyone that has donated so far to my marathon charity for Macmillan cancer support. When the official app goes live I will share the link with you all so you can track me on the day. Anyone who would still like to donate please either use the justgiving link or contact myself directly. Will definitely need prayer support on the day! Thank you in advance”. 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



The April Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 24th (09:00) 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 walk will end at Hinckley URC (09:40) where all are invited for a warm drink and to join us for an ecumenical prayer group at 10-11:00 .



Creator God,
you pour your love persistently into all creation,
making the earth fruitful and life joyful.
We rejoice in your commitment to humanity,
your giving of breath and bodies,
of creatures and climate,
of beauty and love and hope.
God in Jesus,
you walk boldly and comfortingly alongside us.
We rejoice in your saving love,
in your overflowing and generous grace,
and in your love for all peoples.
God in Spirit,
you call us into unity with others.
We rejoice as you blow upon cities and villages,
fields and mountains,
warming communities around the world,
empowering God's people
to overcome self and to love radically.
Thank you for [Commitment for Life],
a light shining in the darkness of our world,
which through our gifts, extends your life-giving embrace around the
world.
We pray for our [Commitment for Life] global partners
in [Bangladesh, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and
Zimbabwe].
Open our ears and hearts to their voices
and to your message for us this morning.
May our commitment be deepened and our lives renewed.
Bless our time together in worship
renewing us to be your light in the world.
Amen.



Commitment
for **Life**





Organ Recital

@ Hinckley United
Reformed Church
LE10 1NL

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

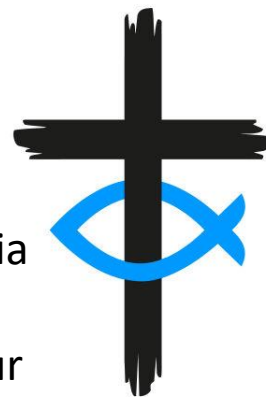
Safeguarding training

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



The
**United
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Church**

Synod Picnic



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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
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MEDITATION**

To book email:

trainingpa@urc5.org.uk
or scan the QR code

TALKING FAITH

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THE VINE



We have some lovely religious Easter cards and new gifts in stock this month, it is proving tricky to restock them all quickly enough! Our world book day celebrations continue in our “limited offers” section - titles reduced from £10-15 to just £1 and £2. Ask a member of staff for more details or where to find these on our shelves.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful volunteers and supporting the Christian and local community of our town, please get in touch.

Whether a couple of hours on the till and making drinks or helping with food orders and light kitchen duties, we would love to hear from you. Please note our closure over Easter: we will be closing at the end of the day on Tuesday 31st March and reopen on Wednesday 8th April.

From the staff and volunteers at The Vine we wish you all a very Happy Easter, we hope you enjoy and share in the love and hope the season brings.

Kind regards
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.*



JOIN THE 300 CLUB

Small Gifts. Big Impact.
Just **£3** a Month Can Help Transform Lives 

We're inviting 300 people to give just £3 per month to support local individuals and families in crisis. Together, that's £10,800 a year, and even more with Gift Aid!

Why Regular Giving Matters

- ✓ Helps us plan ahead
- ✓ Enables us to respond quickly in a crisis
- ✓ Builds a sustainable, community-led solution to hunger and hardship
- ✓ Reflects our shared faith in action



CONTACT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions and information for the May edition of Contact will be Sunday 19th April. The next edition will be available from Sunday 26th April.



CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Christian Aid in the past. This year's campaign highlights the struggle of urban families in Nairobi, Kenya, where parents face daily challenges to feed their children. Through partnership with local organisations like Beacon of Hope, families receive tools, seeds and training to grow vegetables in small city spaces, enabling them to feed their families and earn income.

One of our key fund-raising events is the annual Christian Aid Fair which will take place this year in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 2nd May. We urgently need your support and would be grateful to receive your donations of any items that we might sell to raise funds, in particular household items such as bric a brac, small pieces of furniture, kitchen utensils, gardening implements and unwanted gifts; also children's toys and games, books, jewellery and personal accessories as well as contributions to the plant, cake and craft stalls. As of now, we are able to collect.

Please make a note of the date of the Fair and come and give us your support.

Every blessing, Sally and Julie



Hinckley and District Museum

30 Lower Bond Street,
Hinckley.

Registered Charity no.
1015922.



Open in 2026 from Easter Saturday, 4th April to the end of October on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 10am to 3.30pm.

Admission: £4 adults, £1 children aged 5+ (£2 children on summer school holiday event days). Free entry to Friends of the Museum on production of a 2026 membership card.

Tearoom serving a range of Fairtrade drinks and snacks on open days. Special offer to Hinckley BID card holders.

Membership of the Friends of the Museum for 2026 calendar year £15 adults, £6 under 18s in full-time education. Benefits include free entry to the museum, reduced admission charge for each talk attended, Newsletters and voting rights at the A.G.M.

Talks programme monthly from March to November (except July and August). Non-members £5, members of the Friends of the Museum £1, for each talk attended. Venue: Hinckley Great Meeting Chapel, Baines Lane.

See the website www.hinckleydistrictmuseum.org.uk for more information, email hinckleymuseum.hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01455 251218 on open days.

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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.

1 Apr	Captain Syd Henderson
8 Apr	Simon Cooper
15 Apr	Rev Dr Bob Stephens
22 Apr	Fr Frank/ Fr Michael
29 April	Rev Simon Wearn
6 May	Paul Wake (Chaplain)

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).

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

2nd Maundy THURSDAY Rev Lesley Moseley | Communion

5th 9.00 Rev Lesley Moseley Breakfast | Communion

5th 10.45 Rev Daniel Cheyne Easter Sunday

12th Rev Keith Salter (Visitor)

19th Rev Daniel Cheyne | Communion

26th Catriona Wheeler (Moderator URC)

May 3rd Rae Morrall (Visitor)



Sunday services start 10:45am \ unless otherwise stated