



Contact

May '26 Edition



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

GET FIRED UP

Pentecost falls on 24th May this year. It takes its name from the koine Greek for 50th and so is the 50th day after Easter. It has its' roots in the old testament in the Jewish festival of *Shavout* or the *Feast of Weeks*.



For Christians, it brings to mind the events of **Acts 2** (the Acts of the Apostles) in the Bible. It is a time to reflect upon our empowerment, through the Holy Spirit, to witness of God's glory. It reminds us of the birth of the church and our calling to spread the teachings of Jesus to our community. We are also prompted to consider unity through diversity; how the Gospel overcame language & cultural barriers to be heard by people from many backgrounds. These events are history, but Pentecost also applies to the present and time to come. Our calling today is just as valid; to share God's message of hope to our neighbours in this community and around the world.

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”

Acts 2:1 NKJV

**A
Service
of**

HOPE

Come & celebrate the church's partnership social justice work in our community on Sunday 31st May in our Service of Hope. Food & fellowship to follow the service. A chance to meet some amazing people.

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



CHARITY CURRY NIGHT

Wednesday 3rd June at 7:00 pm
@ the Windsor Tiffin, Windsor Street, Burbage
Ticket price £24 All Proceeds to Christian Aid

For Tickets please contact: John Bevington
Tel: 01455 632633 07557 409707

Jacqui Going the Distance



London Marathon
Sunday 26th April

Update in June edition

“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 May Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 29th (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.

Walk by
FAITH
Not by Sight

Statement regarding Future Ministry for Hinckley

Members of the Synod's Ordained Ministry and Churches Group (OMCG) send their greetings to the elders and members at Hinckley United Reformed Church.

Following a period of consultation and discernment we are pleased to be able to share with you an update regarding the proposals for future ministry at Hinckley. We are grateful to your elders for their partnership throughout the period in which our discussions needed to remain confidential.

OMCG has agreed that the next minister of Hinckley should serve both as local church minister and as Synod Clerk (and that both roles be half-time scoped). A panel has been formed to oversee the process for the Synod Clerk element of the role; and the Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe has been appointed to serve as Interim Moderator, working with a Call Group for the local church minister element of the role. The appointment panel will work in partnership with the Interim Moderator and Call Group and the Profile for the combined role will be offered to the monthly Moderators' Meeting with a view to seeking and identifying a minister who feels drawn to exercising this ministry.

We ask for your prayers for all tasked with overseeing the process.

Revd Geoffrey Clarke,
Synod Moderator, for OMCG



In the mean-time the eldership are working hard on the profile for the role and will endeavour to keep the church informed on progress when appropriate to do so.



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

Save the Date

When: Tuesday 2nd June 10.00-12.30pm

What: Foundation and Intermediate level training

Where: Hinckley URC rear hall.

Ben Twelves will be leading this face to face training.

Please contact Chris Sharrock for further information



Synod Picnic



The
United
Reformed
Church
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!

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

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THE VINE



Here at The Vine we have a small Spring Sale with some items and books at reduced prices. We are also continuing our offering of £1 and £2 titles, ideal for those interested in trying Christian books but unsure where to start. Malcom Clarke's 'Revelation: One Post at a Time' - compiled by his family in his memory - is also now available, please ask staff for details. We are always happy to help and, as all our staff and volunteers work part-time, you can telephone 01455 612345 or email thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk with any queries or with details of items you wish to order. We have begun plans for celebrating our 25th anniversary in the Autumn so watch this space and do please keep us in your prayers as we seek to revisit and renew the years of love and devotion which have gone into providing this lovely Christian bookshop and cafe for our community. We hope to see you soon.

Kind regards,
Grace, 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 June edition of Contact will be Sunday 17th May. The next edition will be available from Sunday 24th May.



'26 FAIR

Saturday 2nd May 2026

9:30am – 1:30pm

@ St Mary's church, Hinckley

- ✓ Large bric-a-brac
- ✓ New clothes
- ✓ Toys, Games & puzzles
- ✓ Handcrafted Cards
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ Fun games
- ✓ Homemade Cakes
- ✓ Beverages
- ✓ Lunches

Annual Fun Quiz
winner announced

Organised by Hinckley & Burbage Christian Aid Group

To raise awareness of poverty in the developing world and
to assist development through Christian Aid



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.

- 6 May Jane Henderson (Chaplain)
- 13 May Paul Wake (Chaplain)
- 20 May John Moore
- 27 May Pat Tichener
- 3 Jun Robin Hanford

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).

MAY SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

May 3rd Rae Morrall

May 10th Rev Robert Maloney

May 17th Rev Jenny Mills - *Deputy General Secretary URC*
(*Discipleship*)

May 24th Julie Payne

May 31st Paul Wake. Community Service of Hope

June 7th Rev Dr Kirsty Thorpe



Sunday services start 10:45am \ unless otherwise stated