



Contact

June '26 Edition



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



**Next CHURCH MEETING 7th June,
following the Sunday morning service**



What is a CHURCH MEETING?

Local United Reformed Churches have an Elders' Meeting, in which the Ministers and Elders share pastoral and spiritual oversight and leadership, and a Church Meeting, where all members gather to seek God's will and to discuss the life and work of the church. We actively encourage all members to attend, if able, to discuss & vote on governance under God's sovereign authority.

"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:9-11NKJV

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.



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 Ran the Race



A massive thank you to everyone that supported me running the London Marathon & to those who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. I raised **£2760** in memory of my cousin Geraldine & Grandad. London was my very first marathon completing it in 05:23:39. Loved every second of it despite the heat! Atmosphere & the experience was absolutely amazing! A message from Macmillan for all runners: "From all of us here at Macmillan Cancer Support, we want to sincerely thank you for supporting us at the London Marathon 2026. Together you've raised an incredible total of **£1,584,244** at London Marathon 2026."

Bring on my 2nd marathon in Edinburgh on 30th May 2027.
Lots of Love Jacqueline xx

London Marathon
Sunday 26th April
Update in June edition

June Prayer Walk will take place on Friday 26th (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



Christian Bookshop — & Café —



- Christian Books for Adults and Children
- Christian Greetings Cards and Gifts
- Welcoming Café; Light Lunches, Homemade Soups & Cakes
- Exclusively serving Fairtrade Teas, Coffees and Hot Chocolate
- Fairtrade Stockists of Fairtrade Goods and Giftware

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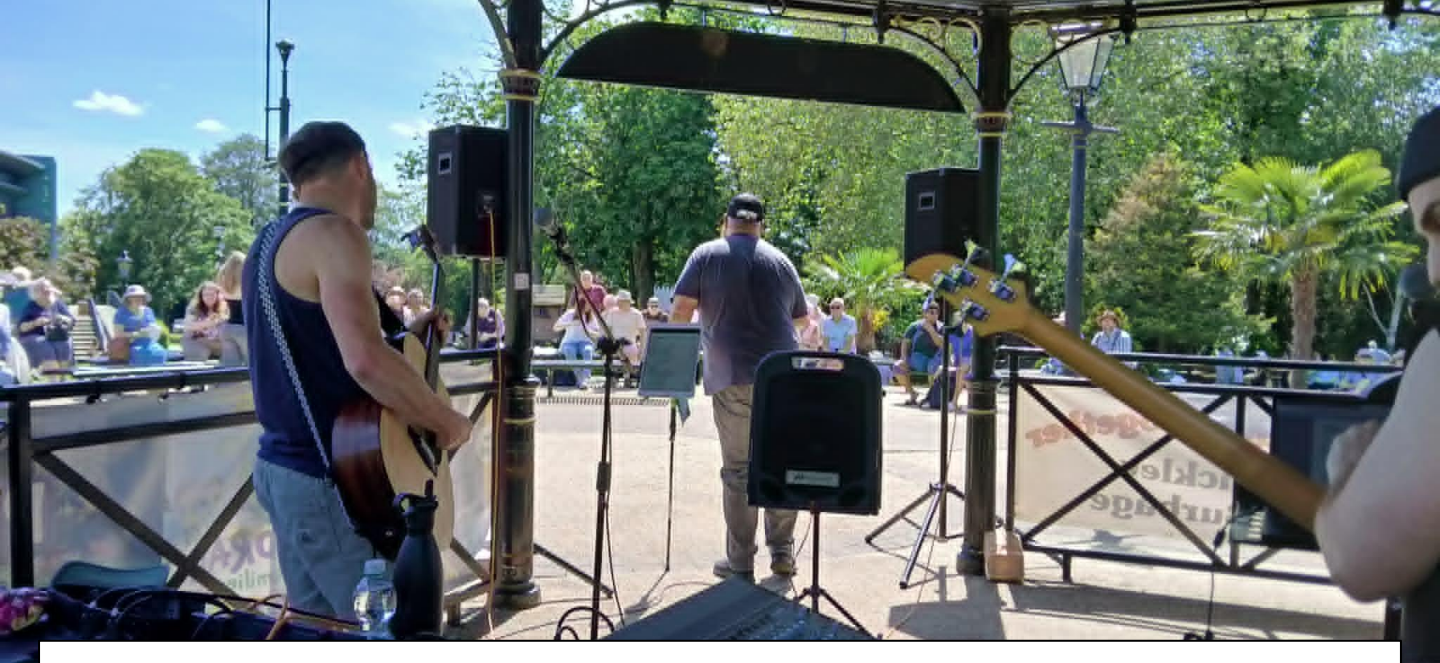
ORGAN RECITAL

Written by
David C



On Saturday 23 May we were treated to a superb organ recital by Paul Carr from Birmingham, assisted by his wife, Hannah, who was turning the pages for him. Paul put together an exciting and varied programme demonstrating his virtuosity and the organ's capabilities featuring composers from Britain, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, France and Russia. We heard fiery toccatas and gentle, reflective pieces; an English march and a J S Bach masterpiece. He played a piece written in homage to some of the great jazz composers and his own arrangement of Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise*. All in all it was an excellent afternoon of great music. Paul seemed to enjoy the playing the organ and described it as a 'hidden gem'.

We had a decent turnout, with plenty of visitors, some who had not been before, and some who had travelled quite a distance to get there. Thanks for everyone who supported the afternoon, for Ruth and Roger for being on the door, Carole and Heather for serving the refreshments and those who helped put the church back together for Sunday worship. It would be good to have another recital in the future. We are very grateful for the financial support of someone who wishes to remain anonymous (and who is not a member of our church) who made a generous donation to help offset the costs of the day. The proceeds will go to the Organ Fund to help maintain our fine instrument



PRAISE IN THE MEAD

Saturday 23rd May saw a worship team formed from churches across the community perform worship music, in the Argents Mead bandstand, to a gathering who joined in with singing praise. Between worship music guest speakers shared the Gospel at the *Churches Together* event; Matt Adcock, Derek Marvin, Simon Cooper & Paul Wake.

RACE FOR LIFE

Ruth G's daughter, Rachel, completed the Race for Life - Pretty Muddy 5K in an hour. Thank you for supporting and sponsoring her for Cancer Research UK



THE VINE



We have recently added a new range of adult Christian books to our 'Take Note' consignment section, with a lovely new children's selection arriving soon. Our Christian gifts have also been refreshed for Spring including beautiful plush keyrings, 'Holy Socks', homewares, mugs and more.

We'll shortly be stocking Father's Day items and there will be special offers available during Independent Bookshop Week in mid-June. For regular updates and news, please visit our Facebook page.

We are currently seeking capable volunteers on Mondays & Fridays; an information sheet is available for anyone who may be interested. To make initial enquiries, please call 01455 612345 or email thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming 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





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 Summer edition of Contact will be Sunday 22nd June. The Summer (July & August) edition will be available from Sunday 28th June.

Safeguarding Training



When: Tuesday 2nd June 10.00-12.30pm

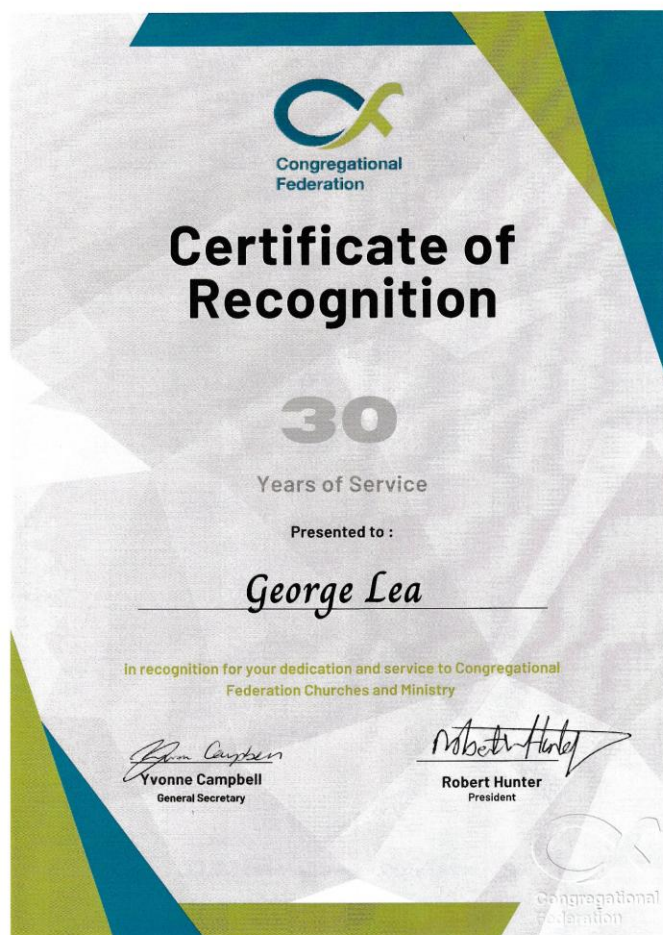
What: Foundation and Intermediate level training

Where: Hinckley URC rear hall.

Ben Twelves will be leading this face-to-face training.

Please contact Chris S for further information

Rev George Lea receives this certificate to mark 30 years of service to the Congregational Federation.



On Sunday August 2nd we are having a Songs of Praise service where we invite the congregation to choose their favourite hymns for us to sing. If you have a choice in mind please inform David C It would be great if you could say, in a few words, why you have chosen it, but there's no obligation to do that. Invite your friends and family to come along for (hopefully) a good sing!



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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SAFEGUARD-ING	Chris Sharrock	-	chris.sharrock@ntlworld.com

Wednesday @One Services

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

3 Jun	Robin Hanford
10 Jun	Anthony Thacker
17 Jun	Rev Ian Hill
24 Jun	Rev Daniel Cheyne
1 Jul	John Moore

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).

JUNE SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

- June 7th Rev Dr Kirsty Thorpe
June 14th Rev Lesley Moseley (Café style worship)
June 21st Rev Colin Offor (includes Holy communion)
June 28th Geoff Milnes
July 5th Rachel Cobb / Paul Wake (Parade service)



Sunday services start 10:45am \ unless otherwise stated