



Contact

Summer '26 Edition

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WELCOME to the Summer (July/August) edition of CONTACT, the newsletter for all those associated with Hinckley United Reformed Church and our wider community.

SNAP DRAGON

You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Answering the call to mission

August sees the Snap Dragon Children's Festival 2026 (Mon 3rd – Weds 5th). The church will be hosting a stall with crafts and activities for children. Please come along and say "Hello" or , even better, help out (see Rachael C).

The Hinckley BID Motor Show will take place on 20th September. We will be partnering with The *Christian Motorcyclists Association* (www.bike.org.uk) in witnessing in the town that day and opening the doors of the church to members and public.



MOTOR SHOW



Autumn Overnighter

With the Revd Dr Joanne Cox-Darling
Methodist Minister, Writer and Broadcaster

To book scan the QR code or
visit: <https://bit.ly/autumnovernighter>



Calling all church members, lay leaders, ministers and more: join us this autumn for 24 hours of worship, relaxation and talking faith together in the heart of the beautiful Hope Valley. Supported price of just £25 (£10 to come for Saturday only)

Friday 30 - Saturday 31 October 2026
at Cliff College, Derbyshire

TRIO – “The Responsibility Is Ours”

This is the URC Stewardship resource -below is an extract of some of what it says about Discipleship, Mission and Stewardship. Presented by Sally L.

”What is our church’s current financial situation? How much does it cost just to run our church? Over the last 2 years:

Weekly maintenance expenditure = £782

and Weekly m&m this year = £365

Total basic expenditure £1147

Weekly income over last year. = £998

Weekly deficit is = £149

To address the church’s priorities: Do we need to raise more money? Do we need to give something up to achieve something else?

What should we do? We should

- be aware of what we give and why;
- consider an increase in giving if we can afford it
- be grateful for that which we do have
- think and act realistically
- Prayerfully review the amount and frequency of our giving.”



Summer Prayer Walks

will take place at 09:00 Friday 24th July and 28th August 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 .



MOVING STORIES

WORLD JUSTICE PROGRAMME
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Picture Christian Aid

| Feature Story - Bangladesh

‘This is their hope...’

Did you know your prayers and giving help people in Bangladesh?

Christian Aid have been working in Bangladesh since 1972. It works through a network of partners focusing on resilient livelihoods, climate change adaption, disaster risk reduction, gender equality and inclusion particularly for women and Dalit communities.

Angela Biswas has benefitted from the contributions that URC Commitment for Life congregations have given through Christian Aid. She says ‘Each morning I wake up with the clucks of my hens. I was able to build my poultry farm with the support of Christian Aid which gave me a hope to stand strong despite my poverty.’

Pray with us:



Oh Jesus, how can we call a land “Holy”
when a festival site becomes a killing ground;
when a hospital becomes a grave?
Christ, have mercy upon the land of your birth
and all who know it as home.

May Isaiah's prayer for peace be heard today, where
enemies come and eat together and the days of hurt and
destruction are over. In Jesus' name we pray.

| Team Spotlight

NEW Middle East Justice Appeal

The United Reformed Church have joined up with All We Can from the Methodist Church to support the State of Palestine and Lebanon.



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.*



Goodbyes

After 3 years in post Paul Wake (Outreach Worker) will leave with his wife, Kate, to take up a Lead Elder Pastorsip in Yorkshire. "We have certainly enjoyed our time in serving God in Hinckley and met some amazing people. But the Lord has called us on to other ministry. We will always have fond memories of serving here and will continue to hold the church and the people we love in our prayers." said Paul. Kate & Paul leave at the end of August to take up their new role.





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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To celebrate Independent Bookshop Week 13th – 20th June we are offering a free £5 eBookToken with every book purchase (one per customer) plus a free mystery book with any book purchases over £15, while stocks last. We also have a new shelf of staff favourites filled with great recommendations! There is still time to drop by for Christian cards and gifts to share faith-filled greetings for Father's Day on 21st June, we are open 10.30am-2.30pm midweek and 9am-2pm Saturdays. You can also support us by buying books of any genre from bestsellers to cookbooks at uk.bookshop.org/shop/thevinehinckley - simply use the search function and make your selections; when you checkout we receive a small percentage of sales. You can keep up to date with Bookshop.org offers and our new stock on our facebook page - do follow us there for regular updates.

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE SPEAKERS

June 28 Geoff Milnes
July 5 Rachel Cobb / Paul Wake (Parade service)
July 12 Rev Alison Termie
July 19 Nigel Roberts (communion)
July 26 Rev Daniel Cheyne
Aug 2 Songs of Praise
Aug 9 Family Service / Church Picnic
Aug 16 Rev Dr Kirsty Thorpe (communion)
Aug 23 Steve Ward
Aug 30 Julie Payne
Sept 6 Margaret Marshall



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

Family Service / Church Picnic Sunday 10:45 August 9th



***Invite Friends & Family
of ALL Ages***



Bring Food & a Smile



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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Wednesday @One Services

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

24 Jun Cancelled due to heat

1 Jul John Moore

8 Jul Robin Hanford (tbc)

15 Jul Organ Recital

Then a hiatus until 2nd September

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).

Safeguarding Certified



Ben Twelves, East Midlands
Safeguarding Officer, delivered
intermediate safeguarding training to
12 at the church in June. Certificates to
follow.