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Bushey Park in March

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CHURCH DIARY: MARCH 2017

(for regular activities see inside back cover)

Wednesday	1 March	09.00	24 hour Prayer (& Fasting)
Thursday	2 “	12.30	Lunchtime Recital (see pg. 13)
Sunday	5 March	10.00	Traditional Worship (Communion)
		11.30	All Age Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship
Wednesday	8 “	14.00	Reflections on the Lord's Prayer
		19.30	“ “ “ “ “
Sunday	12 March	10.00	Coffee available
		11.00	All Age Worship
		12.00	Church Meeting
		12.00	Copy deadline for April Church News
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		18.30	Reflective Worship
Wednesday	15 “	14.00	Reflections on the Lord's Prayer
		19.30	“ “ “ “ “
Sunday	19 March	10.00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	All Age Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship (Communion)
Wednesday	22 “	14.00	Reflections on the Lord's Prayer
		19.30	“ “ “ “ “
Sunday	26 March		Clocks go forward one hour
		10.00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	All Age Worship (Communion)
		18.30	Reflective Worship
Wednesday	29 “	14.00	Reflections on the Lord's Prayer
		19.30	“ “ “ “ “
Thursday	30 “	12.30	Lunchtime Recital

MARCH FLOWER ROTA

March 5	Pat Brooks
12	Valerie Parkinson
19	Ruth Anderson
26	Ray Erskine

EARLY WARNING! On Saturday, 15 April, we shall be decorating the church for Easter. Come and help fill the church with daffodils!

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A Note for us all from the Church Secretary:

Here at KURC we are blessed with a team of very hard-working and friendly staff.

Sally Butler is the church's Youth and Families Worker.

Catherine Treweek, Stuart Chandler and Georgi Todorov are primarily responsible for managing all the activities that go on in the Richard Mayo Centre (that is, our halls, meeting rooms and associated facilities and maintaining the fabric of the building). They provide this service to a wide range of church, charity and commercial users. Catherine also works part-time as the Minister's PA in the afternoons.

With all these vital tasks to perform, our staff need our co-operation. So when we see them around the church premises, and we think of asking them to do something for us, there's one question we all need to ask ourselves:

"Is this something for the Church?"

If it is church business, the staff team will certainly try and help or advise, if they can. (And if it's just a simple query that they can answer in a couple of minutes, that's ok too.)

But if it's a personal errand, let's try and do it for ourselves - and let our busy staff get on with the jobs they do so well.

Cathy Seymour



Dear All,

Do you look after yourself as well as you would someone else?

The other day I finished a sermon. I was so happy that I literally danced for joy. Music on. Bit of volume. Another day I was feeling burdened. Sad, overwhelmed by other people's tragedies and my own workload. I was too wound up to stop and attempt to pray. 'I know', I thought – 'dance'. Not – 'have a drink'. 'Eat too much'. 'Phone a friend' or 'get mean'. 'Dance'. Good plan. It helped considerably.

We are spiritual beings. We are also physical ones. We are not segmented. We are whole integrated humans. That means our physical existence matters. How do you look after your flesh?

My answer is sometimes 'well' - good teeth brushing technique, love the water, unfortunately also love the sugar, love the exercise - hurrah, also do not give enough time to sleep. No drugs – tick. And so we go. You will also have your list.

Maybe a Lent practice would be not to deprive ourselves of caffeine or alcohol, or whatever we usually childishly give up, but to promote our cherishing of ourselves. What do we really need? Not what would make us happy for an instant, but what would build us up in a sustained, substantial way?

We are also looking at the Lord's Prayer booklet during Lent on Wednesdays at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. Come if you can and if you cannot, maybe carve out the time to cherish yourself with an allocation of time to think about the big stuff. There will also be a group reflecting on 'Perspectives on Church and State' at 10.30 am – 12.00 pm on Tuesdays at John Bunyan Baptist and at 7.30 - 9.00 pm at All Saints on Wednesdays (*see page 18 for full details*).

For KURC it all starts with 24 hours of prayer (and fasting) from 9.00 am on 1 March till 9.00 am on 2 March. Pop in.

Best wishes, Lesley

Details of Holy Week and Easter Services can be found on our website:
www.kingstonurc.org

CATHY'S CONVERSATION

I want to start with a big thank you to all of the members who were able to give time to participate in the recent elders' election. It is very likely that we will be able to present the names of the new elders at the March Church Meeting.

This year the United Reformed Church is focusing on Feasts and Festivals. The URC web page begins:

"2017 is special – 100th anniversary of Constance Coltman's ordination to ministry in the Congregational Church and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It is a year of celebration – we have called it **Feasts & Festivals**."

Within this context for March we celebrate the 40th anniversary of partnership through the Council for World Mission (CWM). It created its structure of equal partnership in 1977 incorporating the churches, which had arisen from the work of the London Missionary Society (LMS), the Commonwealth Missionary Society (CMS) and the English Presbyterian Board of Mission. As the approach to mission has changed over time, CWM has evolved into an organization which is committed to sharing resources, people and learning equally. Here at KURC we are closely linked with CWM through the work of our ministers, Suk In in particular. (See more at:

<http://www.urc.org.uk/feasts-and-festivals.html#sthash.M6QUSupD.dpuf>)

We might also be interested in going to the 'Sense of Belonging' URC Big Day Out at Warwick Castle on Saturday, 20 May. This is a festival for all ages and will be hosted by Pilots, the URC's ecumenical, non-uniformed organisation for children and young people. Have a think and let us know if you are interested.

Finally I would like to share a celebration within the Seymour family. Becka and Tim are the proud parents of their son Finn. Here he is hand in hand with one of his cousins, Nell.



PASTORAL NEWS at 19. 2.17.

*Out of care for people's privacy,
since January 2012 the list of Personal Concerns
has been deleted from the web edition of Church News.
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Lord God, As the days start to lengthen and our thoughts turn to Spring and the signs of new life begin to appear all around us, we rejoice with those who have had a child recently. Bless them as they care for their child. Bless those close to them who share in the joys and difficulties of bringing up children.

Give healing to those who are sick and unwell this day. Give patience to those who struggle with long term illness. Give peace to those for whom life is drawing to an end. Be close to them all to support and encourage them. Help us as we walk alongside them and offer our friendship and support.

We pray for our ministers, Lesley and Suk In. As You renew the plants and trees each Spring, so renew them and fill them with Your Spirit as they serve among us. We pray for Sally, Catherine, Stuart and Georgi in their work for the church in Kingston. Give them new energy for the months ahead and a loving heart towards those with whom they work in our name.

Finally, we pray for our church and all those associated with it. Give us something of Your grace in our dealings with the people we come into contact with each day, that they may see something of You through us, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



LETTER FROM SUK IN LEE

Living in this world is tough. There are many serious situations and conflicts, both individually and collectively. Whether a person is Christian or non-Christian, trouble affects everybody. How can we maintain a Christian lifestyle in the midst of trouble? How can we relate to our neighbours and other people? We are made to be in relationship with other people, as friends, colleagues, neighbours or partners. It is very important.

In our town (Kingston or New Malden) there are many people from different ethnic backgrounds. Also in our church we have many different nationalities. If we didn't connect with each other, show no interest in each other, not understand one another, we can have the wrong impression of one another. We can see one another as aliens.

In my experience, when I was at primary school, we drew pictures of our neighbouring country, North Korea. Because we didn't know the country, we portrayed the leader of the people as a monster, a beast with red eyes and a big horn sticking out of his head. He was as fat as a pig and the ordinary people looked thin and starved.

When I came to England 25 years ago, I imagined that the leader of the IRA or Sinn Fein looked like a wolf or a fox. I also imagined that Nelson Mandela was a bad dictator. Meanwhile, I met with Christian men and women from North Korea in the UK. I was shocked. They actually looked like they could be my relatives because they looked so similar.

I also asked a North Korean friend how they had imagined South Koreans and white people. He thought that they would look like aliens. The reality was very different from what he imagined. So, if we don't get to know people, we can come to the wrong conclusions.

Likewise, if we don't get to know God, we will come to the wrong conclusions about Him. We need to spend time with Him getting to know Him. If we don't spend time with our partners and friends getting to know them, the relationship won't progress and become a close one. The more you know about a person, the easier it is for that relationship to grow. When we meet with people we like, it is easier to keep meeting them and for that relationship to develop. For this to work there needs to be some preconditions like honesty, sincerity and respect. These are basic. In our relationship with God the same preconditions apply, honesty, sincerity and respect. These are the foundations on which we can build a good relationship. We are made to be in a relationship with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. How do we relate to the Triune God? How can we develop that relationship, remembering that God already knows us through and through?

We need to communicate with one another with a truly open mind. We must rid ourselves of preconceived ideas about other people. God will empower us to create links with those we meet and then to strengthen those links.

Odeon **SILVER** Cinema - Kingston (Rotunda)

Film screening for over 55s.
 Tickets from £3
 includes tea/coffee & biscuits before the film

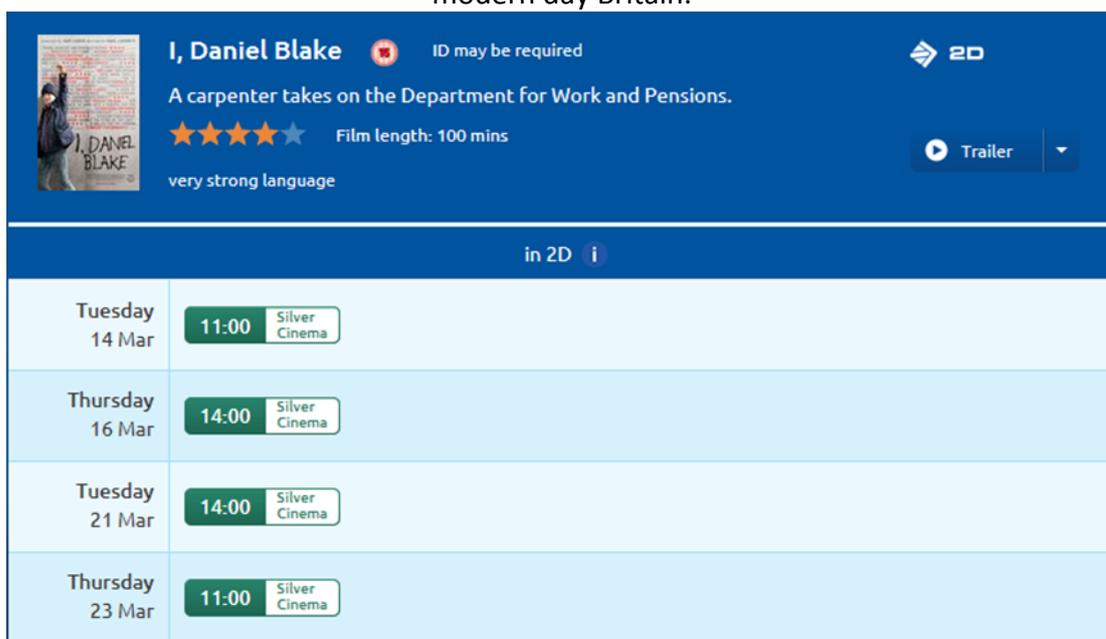
I, Daniel Blake is a 2016 British-French drama film directed by Ken Loach and written by Loach's frequent

collaborator Paul Laverty. The film stars Dave Johns, Hayley Squires, Dylan McKiernan, and Briana Shann.

It won the Palme d'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival, the Prix du public at the 2016 Locarno International Film Festival and Outstanding British Film at the recent BAFTA's.

Daniel Blake, 59, who has worked as a joiner most of his life in the North East of England, needs help from the State for the first time ever following an illness.

He crosses paths with a single mother, Katie, and her two young children, Daisy and Dylan. Both Daniel and Katie find themselves in no-man's land caught on the barbed wire of welfare bureaucracy in modern day Britain.



I, Daniel Blake ID may be required 2D

A carpenter takes on the Department for Work and Pensions.

★★★★☆ Film length: 100 mins Trailer

very strong language

in 2D

Tuesday 14 Mar	11:00 Silver Cinema
Thursday 16 Mar	14:00 Silver Cinema
Tuesday 21 Mar	14:00 Silver Cinema
Thursday 23 Mar	11:00 Silver Cinema

ANYONE fancy going???

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Goodbye from the A-corner

As you may remember, the Acorn Group was established three years ago with the specific aims of:

- increasing awareness of how much it costs to run KURC
- rebalancing the church's finances, and
- increasing giving.

We have tried to keep you up-to-date each month with progress made, and it's heartening to be able to report that the aims have now been largely achieved. Admittedly our acorn has not quite grown to the 'mighty oak' that the proverb and the illustration below promise us, but that is the work of centuries, so perhaps we can be forgiven....

Now seems to all of us to be a good time to disband the group so, with Lesley's agreement, it will retire gracefully in March. Many of the group's activities will live on however, but under different banners. The Social Group will take on the social aspects; the Management Group will focus on church income (co-ordinating any future possible 'corrective' action that may prove necessary); and the Communications Group will continue to promote KURC's key messages, both within our community and to the outside world. And there's always the option of creating a short-term 'pop-up' group for any special one-off fund-raising needs that may arise.

And finally, to go out with a bit of a bang, a few results from Christmas and for the financial year as a whole:

- The 2017 calendar made a net profit of £222. (There are still a few left, and Ray is prepared to offer substantial, never-to-be-repeated discounts to any takers.)
- So far this financial year Acorn activity has generated £6,300, and by the end of March the figure is likely to have risen to £7,000 – gratifyingly ahead of the target we agreed of £5,000. Sincere thanks as always to all those who helped us get there.

The Acorn Project Group

Linda Austin, Ken Bartlett, Ray Charlton,

Liz Cook, Sharon Henriquez-Vernon,

Vaughan James, Ann Macfarlane, Denise Scorer



Georgina Forbes has sent this interesting report on her recent holiday in Egypt:

On 18 January I began the realisation of a dream as I stepped aboard an aeroplane bound for Cairo. I was looking forward to nearly two weeks in Egypt. We landed in the early evening and it was cool enough for us to be grateful for our coats. The next morning we were joined by our tour manager and an Egyptologist and whisked off to visit a Citadel, started by Saladin in 1176 and completed by Mohammed Ali, who also built a Mosque in the same complex, in the 19C. Later we were taken to a bazaar where, as we are not familiar with Egyptian shopping methods, we wandered timidly for a short period of time. In the afternoon we visited the Egyptian Museum where we were able to admire ancient artefacts excavated over many years.

The next day, after an early start we arrived at Memphis, once an important city, but now largely buried and cannibalised so there is little on display other than some statues. It is believed that more artefacts still lie under the ground but little work has been done to find them. The next stop was Sakkara where there are the remains of a huge necropolis which included some very old pyramids and was used until Roman times. In the afternoon we were taken to the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. We did not have time to enter the pyramids but were able to walk round the outside of Pyramid of Cheops and were later taken to a viewpoint to take pictures and admire the desert. Camel and horse rides were on offer, but we were advised not to attempt them as we were unfamiliar with Egyptian methods of haggling and would be easy prey for sharp practices.

After transferring to Aswan, where our hotel was on an island in the Nile, some of us decided to attend the Sound and Light show at the Philae Temple. The topic was the story of Isis and Osiris. This was a magical experience and gave us our first introduction to this temple salvaged from the valley when the Aswan High Dam was built. The next day we visited the Aswan High Dam (where Egypt generates most of its electricity) and the Temple of Philae to see it in daylight. During our free time in the afternoon some of us returned to the mainland to visit a Coptic cathedral. Our next visit was to a Nubian village where we visited a school and were introduced to Nubian teaching methods and the Arabic alphabet. After a trip to a home, where we were invited to stroke a crocodile, we returned to our hotel in time to enjoy a felucca ride to the Botanical Gardens. These are on an island which used to be called Kitchener Island but was renamed when Egypt and England fell out over the Suez Canal.

After a long bus ride to Luxor, we joined a cruise ship for a six night cruise to Aswan and back. Our first stop was Kom Ombo where we were taken to a Graeco-Roman double Temple dedicated to Horus and Sobek. Day 9 saw us assembling at 4.30 am for a long drive to Abu Simbel to see another temple rescued from the rising waters of Lake Nasser. The Temples were built by Ramses II and dedicated to him and his queen, Nefertari. On the way we stopped to watch the sun rise over the desert and we crossed the Tropic of Cancer. We also saw a town being built to house people who

are to be encouraged to move into the town and take part in a desert reclamation scheme. Water has been channelled into the area and experiments have indicated that some of the surrounding desert can be reclaimed and used to grow crops. This is important to the Egyptian economy because Egypt does not grow enough food to feed its population.

On the return journey we stopped to take photos of a mirage. The whole trip was awe inspiring as we travelled through miles and miles of desert. As we returned to Luxor we passed through the complex lock gates used to regulate the height of the Nile. We also had the chance to see working farmers, tomb complexes and the narrow strip of fertile land running through the desert. Back at Luxor we visited the Temples of Karnak and Luxor and the Valleys of the Kings and Queens. On our final night we returned to the Temple of Karnak for a Sound and Light show. This time the topic was a brief history of Egypt.

Egypt is a country of stark contrasts. The mornings and evenings were quite cool with temperatures about 10 degrees, but in Aswan we experienced temperatures of 30 degrees during the day. There were miles of hot, dry desert, but we also saw fertile fields where a system of strip farming appeared to be in use. As one crop was harvested another was sown and crop rotation appeared to operate. There were a multitude of partially built flats in response to a burgeoning population, but there was also clearly a lot of poverty. Because of family inheritance laws, farmers are selling their land or building on it, yet fertile land is scarce and Egypt is not self-sufficient in food production. Egypt's economy is heavily dependent on tourism, but unrest in the last few years means that tourists are more fearful of visiting.

So, did my trip live up to expectations? Yes and more. But I did have realistic expectations before I left and we were very well looked after by our guides.



Contributing towards the cost of printing *Church News*

Printed copies of *Church News* cost approximately £1 each to produce (ie £10 a year). If you like having a printed copy and would like to contribute towards the cost, you can do this by:

- ** placing cash/cheque in a Gift Aid envelope (available at the back of the church) and put it in the offertory bag on a Sunday or hand to the Premises staff during the week.
- ** contributing via the "Donate" link on our website:

<http://www.kingstonurc.org/>

Please remember to:

- ** quote *Church News* on the envelope/payment ref.
- ** and, most importantly, pick up your copy (and that of anyone in your Tree Group, or a neighbour who cannot get to church) from the vestibule!

CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

As the Contact Centre has now been open for five years, Jean Thompson thought you might be interested in extracts from her recent report to the Centre's AGM. It also coincides with Jean's retirement.

The report mainly covers the year 2016. We have had a very good, busy year with 23 families, that's 32 children, attending at various times. One family has been with us for 3 years and one for 2½ years. We have been able to move families on a bit more this year, but sadly 5 families stopped coming, mostly because of a lack of commitment by one partner. Rather than have a waiting list, we have taken on more families and currently there are only two children on the waiting list.

To keep our accreditation with the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC), one of the things we have to do is training. There are 10 modules to be studied over a three-year period. Last year we tackled 'Working with Dads – Encouraging Positive Contact' by the workbook method, whereby volunteers could work at their own pace and on AGM afternoon we did two modules with face-to-face training.

Radio Archer's fans will be aware that a recent strong story line uses a supervised child contact centre, and it won't be a surprise that the NACCC was consulted widely to get it right.

It will be our 5th birthday in March and, out of interest, I calculate that we have had contact with 116 children and their families since our first family in June 2012.

We have a great rota of 20 volunteers which, last year, included 6 Co-ordinators and myself. They turn up loyally when it is their duty and just move into action, whether it's to give encouragement to a child who needs to get to know Dad, observe that no photos are being taken or presents given, if that is Mum's instruction, or simply serving refreshments. Many Mums and Dads say how grateful they are to be here because they feel safe.

We also could not function without three people in the background – John Watts who looks after our website, John Suh who sets out the hall every session and Ron Kingham who examines our accounts. This is all done quietly and efficiently and thanks are also due to them.

Sadly AGMs do not give a flavour of the happy and boisterous times the children have with their non-resident parent, usually fathers but we had three mothers as

well last year. The parents in the hall here form a bond and sometimes two families join together to play table tennis, or a few children and Dads will have a go at scoring goals in the football net. This was very noticeable just before Christmas when we added an extra session and part of the afternoon became a Christmas party for all to join in. To see a complete lack of trust and no communication between the parents at the interview stage, to that trust and communication coming back sufficiently for the family to progress to either a hand-over or to making their own arrangements is amazing. That's what it is all about - softening those raw edges.

We increased our fees on 1 January 2016 to £50 for a referral and £10 each session and we take half of those amounts if the non-resident parent, who is the one paying, is on benefits.

For the third year running we have received a grant of £1,000 from CAFCASS, a child support agency, which we were able once again to donate to the church for all the facilities we enjoy.

Most of you know that I am about to have a second retirement, 20 years after the first one! When Lesley asked me to start the process in June 2011, I had never even heard of a Child Contact Centre. What a challenge and what an increase in knowledge it has brought of an area of which I had no personal experience. Times change and the Centre will be run differently in future. The very capable Co-ordinators will run it on a group basis with a bit more reliance on technology. Julian, one of the Co-ordinators, will be the point of contact for parents and volunteers.

Anyway, 'thank you' to you all for the support you have given me. It's been a great team effort and one of which I think we can all be proud.

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OUR NEXT LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Don't miss the lunchtime recital on **Thursday, 2 March at 12.30** in the Sanctuary! Our very own Haeun Kim (cello) accompanied by Sa Lang Kim (piano) will be playing Grieg's Cello Sonata and Beethoven's Cello Sonata No. 3. Haeun and Sa Lang have been studying at the Royal College of Music and we know from their performance in our church last year that they are prodigiously gifted musicians who will get to the very heart of these two wonderful romantic works. Do come and support them! The recital is free with a retiring collection for the Community Hub Project.

Pomegranates

Recently I discovered that the architect who produced the cross in our sanctuary, H G Ibberson, also designed the war memorial which stands on the village green at Laleham near Staines. I went to Laleham to have a look and discovered some similarities with our cross – perhaps not surprising in view of the fact that both were designed in the same year, 1919. (See if you can spot what they are on the opposite page.)

But I was puzzled by the plant carved on the face of the war memorial: it was not a vine (as on our cross) and a trawl through several horticultural books failed to provide any clues. Eventually I discovered that the original contract for the war memorial has survived, and here Mr Ibberson clearly states that the plant is a pomegranate growing out of thorns. ‘The thorns symbolize earthly suffering and the pomegranate represents eternal life.’

The pomegranate is native to an area centred on Iran. It is an unusual fruit in that it is composed almost entirely of seeds, and it is these that are eaten rather than the flesh. It has held symbolic significance for many religions and cultures. In ancient Egypt and China it was a symbol of prosperity, fertility and ambition, and it still has this association in some Hindu traditions. In Ancient Greek mythology it was the fruit of the dead. To the Jews it represents fruitfulness. In ancient Israel pomegranates were the fruits which the scouts brought to Moses to demonstrate the fertility of the Promised Land. Many scholars now believe that the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden was not an apple but a pomegranate. In Christian religious art the pomegranate bursting open is a symbol of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection. In the Eastern Orthodox tradition pomegranate seeds are used in a dish called kolyva which is prepared at memorial services as a symbol of the sweetness of the heavenly kingdom.

In 1964 a Roman mosaic floor was uncovered in Hinton St Mary, Dorset, which depicts a figure, now agreed to be the earliest incontrovertible portrayal of Christ in a mosaic. Christ and the chi rho are flanked by two pomegranates (see picture opposite below).

Nowadays you don’t need to visit the Middle East to find a pomegranate: at this time of year you’ll see them on the stalls in Kingston Market, often cut open to reveal the luscious red seeds inside - a reminder of our central Christian beliefs.

John Fisher



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‘FLIGHT’ – A Fund-raising CD

There is always news of human suffering about, and we are told that, as a nation, we are generous donators to good causes. Usually this involves acknowledging a crisis or a good cause, making a contribution if we feel moved by it, then waiting for it to pass quickly, as it usually does, out of our eyesight and consciousness.

The crisis of refugees in Europe over the last few years has been quite a different experience for many of us. Those who govern our countries have struggled to know how to respond, and the ongoing and enormous scale of the movement of people and the stories of their suffering, have moved many of us to feeling helpless too.

It was in this state of mind that Jim Mason heard Vanessa Lucas-Smith on Radio 4, talking about her response to the crisis, which was to visit the Calais camp with some other musicians, some instruments and some basic recording equipment, and to use the universal language of music to connect with some of the refugees. They enabled those refugees to create something of value, expressing something of where they came from and what they’d been through, and helped them to connect back into their sense of humanity, their dignity and their worth.

Jim’s effort to fundraise for this group, who plan to undertake similar projects in other refugee camps, is his attempt to look the helplessness in the face and know that he can do only so much. That only so much, nonetheless, has involved hours of organising friends, booking recording time and space, recording the tracks, mastering, arranging, sourcing artwork and getting permission to use it, and all this time asking people to do all this for free.

The result is ‘FLIGHT’. You can get a copy of the CD from Jim and pay him a cash donation, or download it at <https://flightfundraiser.bandcamp.com/releases>.

Rachel Mason



I B R A Readings for March



AT-ONE-MENT

The human dilemma

Wednesday, 1 March	Isaiah 55:6-13
Thursday, 2 March	Genesis 11:1-9
Friday, 3 March	Genesis 3:14-24
Saturday, 4 March	Romans 7:14-25

At one with God

Sunday, 5 March	Genesis 6:5-8
Monday, 6 March	Genesis 9:8-17
Tuesday, 7 March	Leviticus 16:1-10, 29-34

Wednesday, 8 March	Philippians 2:1-11
Thursday, 9 March	Ephesians 2:13-22
Friday, 10 March	Psalms 22:1-11
Saturday, 11 March	John 15:1-11

At one with others

Sunday, 12 March	Galatians 3:23-29
Monday, 13 March	Luke 6:27-36
Tuesday, 14 March	Luke 6:37-45
Wednesday, 15 March	Romans 12:1-13
Thursday, 16 March	John 4:7-9, 19-26
Friday, 17 March	Mark 14:3-9
Saturday, 18 March	Luke 12:49-53

At one with creation

Sunday, 19 March	Genesis 2:4b-17
Monday, 20 March	Genesis 9:1-7
Tuesday, 21 March	Genesis 41:46-49, 53-57
Wednesday, 22 March	Leviticus 25:23-24
Thursday, 23 March	Deuteronomy 20:19-20
Friday, 24 March	1 Chronicles 29:6-19
Saturday, 25 March	Colossians 1:15-23

At one with self

Sunday, 26 March	Luke 4:1-13
Monday, 27 March	1 John 1:5-10
Tuesday, 28 March	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Wednesday, 29 March	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Thursday, 30 March	Ephesians 4:17-32
Friday, 31 March	Galatians 5:16-26
Saturday, 1 April	Romans 8:26-27

Lent groups and talks 2017

Kingston United Reformed Church, Eden Street
John Bunyan Baptist Church, Hardman Rd and
All Saints Church, Market Place

Groups

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April

10.30am-12.00pm John Bunyan

Perspectives on Church and State

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April

2.00-3.30pm Kingston URC

Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

7.30-9.00pm Kingston URC

Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

7.30-9.00pm All Saints

Perspectives on Church and State

Talks

A talk on Thursday 9th March at 1.10-2.00pm

Siriol Davies - Christianity and other faiths

A talk on Thursday 16th March at 1.10-2.00pm

Professor Adrian Coyle - Christianity and the workplace

A talk on Thursday 23rd March at 1.10-2.00pm

Rev Rachel Carnegie - Christianity and Globalisation

A talk on Thursday 30th March at 1.10-2.00pm

Christianity and Atheism - Rev Andrew Williams

A talk on Thursday 6th April at 1.10-2.00pm

Christianity and Science – Rt Rev Richard Cheatham

Regular Activities

Monday:

- 10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
 15.30 Messy Church (last Monday monthly)
 19.30 Eden Meditation (first Monday monthly)

Tuesday:

- 14.00 Activity Afternoon for Foyer Guests (second Tuesday monthly)

Wednesday:

- 10.00 Tots' Praise (during school terms)
 13.10 Lunchtime Service
 14.00 & 19.30 Faith Studies – check date & frequency of short courses

Thursday:

- 13.00 Eden Meditation (first Thursday monthly)
 19.00 International Friendship Café
 19.30 Line Dancing

Friday:

- 13.00 Friday Prayers
 14.00 Ballroom & Latin American dancing with Lyn
 22.00 All night prayers and Street Pastors (until 04.00)

Saturday:

- 10.00 Stay and Play (third Saturday monthly)
 22.00 All night prayers and Street Pastors (until 04.00)

How to contribute to Church News:

Contributions on matters of reflection and opinion as well as reports of activities are welcome.

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The town centre ministers meet regularly. We are a part of
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Kingston United Reformed Church – Information

A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine to come and share in our services and activities

Our Sunday Services:

10.00 – Traditional Worship
(with Communion first Sunday monthly)

11.30 – All Age Worship
(with Communion on the last Sunday monthly)

18.30 – Reflective Worship
(with Communion on the third Sunday monthly)

On the **second Sunday** of each month a **combined service at 11.00** replaces the 10.00 and 11.30 services

Tea and coffee are served between the **10.00 and 11.30 services, before the 11.00 service** on the second Sunday and after the 18.30 service

During the 10.00, 11.00 and 11.30 services there are **group activities for children** of all ages. Visiting children are welcome to join them.

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The Sanctuary is open for private prayer with access via the foyer.

Coffee and Tea: Our foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from 11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea.

Need to talk to someone about a problem or concern? There is sometimes a designated listener available in the foyer; if not, please speak to the coffee server or contact Lesley Charlton.