



CHURCH NEWS October 2017



*Autumn,
“season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”,
as John Keats put it,
is with us.*

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Church Diary: October 2017

(for regular events, please see the diary of regular events, on page 22)

Sunday	1	October	09.30	Coffee available
			10.30	Special service to celebrate Lesley's 20th anniversary as our minister
			12.00	Bring and Share Lunch
			18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	2	October	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Tuesday	3	October	20.00	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	4	October	10.00-12.00	Tots Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	5	October	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	6	October	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	8	October	09.30	Coffee available
			10.30	Harvest Festival Service
			13.00-17.00	Children's Contact Centre
Copy for the November Church News to Bronwen Robinson by 12.00 -				
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Monday	9	October	10.00-12.00	Parents and Toddlers
Tuesday	10	October	14.00-16.00	Quiz Afternoon (Free admission)
Wednesday	11	October	10.00-12.00	Tots Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	12	October	20.00	International Friendship Café
Friday	13	October	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	14	October	10.00-12.00	Stay and Play
Sunday	15	October	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship (with Communion)
Wednesday	18	October	10.00-12.00	Tots Praise
			13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	19	October	20.00	International Friendship Café
Saturday	21	October	10.00	Stay and Play
Sunday	22	October	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship (with Communion)
			18.30	Reflective Worship
Monday	23	October	10.00	Parents and Toddlers

Wednesday	25	October	13.10	Lunchtime Service
Thursday	26	October	20.00	International Friendship
Friday	27	October	13.00-14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	29	October	10.00	Traditional Worship
			11.30.	All-Age Worship
			18.30	Reflective Worship

October Flower Rota



October 1

October 8

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Olive Springham

October 15

Nigel Tunley

October 22

Jenny Milner

October 29

Christine Thompson



Preparing for Harvest Festival

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday 7 October, from 10.30 (NB change from usual time).

1. Please come and help decorate the church for harvest.

No experience necessary!

2. We need autumn-coloured flowers (red, orange, yellow), greenery, and berries. If you can provide any of these, please bring them down to the church on Friday or Saturday, or let me know if you need me to collect them from you.

3. If you can bring your gifts of food to the church before/on the Saturday, we can use them as part of the decorations.

I hope to see you there!

Steve Wenman 07802 413026

Minister's Address to KURC AGM 10 September, 2017

From the earliest time the job of Christians has been to fight lions. To go into the arena to fight. To suffer; to die for being a believer.

All over the world that is still true. And it is true here as well. It is true for us as individuals and together as a church.

What do the lions look like? Well for us they are not literally ginger and roaring –although for some of you that lions is still an issue!

For each of us we will have our particular lions. Our addictions, our private sinful behaviours. We each have them. We need each other to spot them and to work on them. We need each other to have people on our team who will support us as we fight the lions and recover from them.

The challenge is to make sure we are fighting the right lion. Much of the press of the church is that we are fighting on behalf of the Tory party, or the Labour party, those are not lions we should be fighting for. Equally I do not believe that homosexuality which seems to be the obsession of the Church should be our biggest lion.

What are they then?

In our church for many we need to fight our British reserve and be conscious of the welcome we offer to the stranger. One of our Kingston United Reformed Church's lions is the obsession that what matters is projects rather than the way life is lived. Doing stuff rather than the way stuff is done. How we behave to each other matters. How we behave to the stranger will be a marker by which Jesus says we will be judged. One of our lions is being inward facing, individually focussed. We are blessed to have workers who lead us to ministry beyond our dominant older traditional Sunday morning focused white demographic. We need to empower these battlers. Encourage them. And we need to work together to become one in new ways. Working with people who are different from us. Who do not speak English. Who do not know how it all works. Who are being threatened with being sent out of the country. Who are followers of Jesus but do not get together on Sunday morning because other stuff like work is happening. Those are our team to help us battle our lions.

The challenge is to keep on fighting the lions and not think we can make them into pets- like we in our Churches have done with much of British

culture. The lion of trying to make life easy, only doing what suits our individual tastes, that is a lion which many have invited into their homes. The lion that says the more money we have the better our lives will be. The lion of allowing our screens to dominate our lives. The lion that says if I do not like it that is the most important criteria for our choices. What about others? And more what about God? That is a lion and we need to be fighting it.

But above all else we need to fight the lion of fear. To be a follower of Jesus is a call to a brave full life.

We are Christians; we are called to the fight. The battle to love, to care, to get beyond the bubble of me. To open our hearts and lives to others. That is the biggest lion.

Will we get hurt? If you are alive you are going to get hurt. Trying to keep yourself safe does not mean you will avoid that. You will then have the hurt of loneliness and an unfulfilled life. Which lion will we choose? The lion of a full life for Jesus or the lion of the shrivelled half-life of safety? And which will we choose as a church?

Lesley M Charlton
(still ginger and roaring after 34 years!)

Lesley's 20 Years of Ministry at KURC

There will be a **combined 10.30 morning service on 1 October 2017** to celebrate the fact that Lesley has been our minister for 20 Years - an achievement to be admired and for which to be thankful. The service will be followed by a *Bring and Share Lunch* to which all are invited. Lesley's ministry began as the church was still getting used to a major period of development in the centre of Kingston, and those of us who have been around for a long time will be well aware of the changes in ministry over which she has presided to match that re-development. Not only that, she stands now on the verge of another period of change in the centre of Kingston. Much of what was changed in the mid 1970s will be changed again, and amid all of that KURC remains a valued constant, adapting to meet new challenges. Lesley leads us all towards that period of development. Her past record serves to give us confidence to continue to be Christ to the re-revised centre of Kingston - led by a ginger lioness!

Ed.

Church Secretary's Report to KURC's AGM 10 September, 2017

This report attempts to draw together the richness of activity and worship that has taken place within this church over the last year.

Kingston United Reformed Church is a place of prayer and people who pray. We have many opportunities to pray together throughout the week. These include our three worship services each Sunday, except on the second Sunday each month when the two morning services are combined, Wednesday lunchtime service and Friday prayers. We endeavour to pray at the start and end of our many meetings. It is not unusual to hear someone offer to pray with you. David and Peggy Tang are available for requests for daily prayer. It is the backbone of all that we do as we try to seek and express God's will for this church in this place. The URC website describes mission in this way.

“Mission is the reason why the church exists. It is God's work, but it is work in which God is calling us to participate. Like the disciples, God is calling us to be witnesses and to live out the good news of God's love for the sake of the world.”

At KURC we declare that:

*Our mission is to be a welcoming, caring,
worshipping Christian community serving all.*

However we personally express it, each day we seek to follow Jesus' teaching and find love in what we do and what we say. We see it expressed here in this building in the way that each of our small team of staff relates to us, our licensees and to the public. The team includes Sally Butler our child, youth and family worker, Catherine Treweek our Centre Manager, and Assistants Joe Neligan and Georgi Todorov. Each day, the manner in which they blend the care for people and care for the building is praiseworthy. Almost daily people, who require it, are given the opportunity to take a shower in a dignified way. We provide the place, clean towels and washing products and our staff carry out the maintenance of this service. When our foyer is used by the Foodbank we offer people refreshments and a calm place to be. This service is given by a team of volunteers as they offer tea and coffee and light refreshments in a quiet area where people can meet without the hustle and bustle of the ever growing number of coffee shops. They do this quietly and respectfully. Our thanks go to Liz Cook who trains volunteers and maintains the rota but also to all of you who willingly give

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your time to this. The atmosphere within the foyer is a credit not only to the volunteers but also to the people who use the foyer. It has been a place where lasting friendships have developed and indeed where new church members can be found.

The ways in which we care for each other are outstanding. Martyn Verge is the elder with responsibility for Pastoral care. He has set up a system that will mean that we can remember all who are connected with the church in our prayers. How we meet and speak with one another and share our stories is generally done with sensitivity and love.

The foyer by its very nature is an entrance to all that happens beyond. These include activities for children; Parents and Toddlers, Tots Praise, Messy Church and Stay and Play. Led by our child, youth and family worker, Sally Butler, a different team of volunteers supports these opportunities to share in our mission. Each activity has a core of regular participants and new families get involved. Sustaining the groups is complicated by the different phases of child-care arrangements through their nursery and school phases. Sally endeavours to keep in contact with many families letting them know that we are here and will welcome them, and that we understand that families live busy lives. For the older children Sally does out-reach work with schools and this extends to the University where she is one of the University Faith Consultants. Lesley also visits schools to lead assemblies. On Sundays young people are supported in their worship by the YPSG team who consistently provide resources for both the morning services. We thank you all.

We have a wide variety of users of the building including times allocated to those engaged in the creative arts. Throughout the week there are many opportunities to participate in and listen to music of great variety. These opportunities include Sulhee Kim's and Tony Wenman's practice sessions in the sanctuary, community choirs, orchestra rehearsals and music to dance to or exercise to. Our lunchtime recitals are organised by John Fisher. They have been a great success. Held almost monthly, they are attended by an average of 40 people. A retiring collection brings in some money for the community hub project. John wrote; "All our performers are top flight musicians and play a wide range of instruments, not just piano." Each Friday afternoon KURC offers dancing sessions. There are arts classes too, that are privately run. I am aware that we have some talented painters and poets and this year Carol Clack had the courage to have a book of her poems published. The book was promoted in our foyer and she kindly donated the proceeds of the book sale to our church.

Within the foyer and beyond we have offered Christmas Day lunch, seasonal teas and quiz afternoons. These are lead through the Community ministry group and many people are involved. We thank you.

We continue to support Christian Aid and Link to Hope. Timely reminders that our mission extends beyond the people we know.

We have 4 charitable licensees who use our office spaces. They are Helmar (formally called African Positive Outlook) whose main aims and objectives are to promote the health and wellbeing of African people. The Bethany Children's Trust whose vision is to build a movement of Champions for Children so that more and more marginalised children can be reached and released to be all that God has created them to be. The company Twin rents our upper hall to provide services to help jobseekers get back into work and to help support those just entering employment. The fourth is our newest charity Global J & K. We offer our space on Friday and Saturday night to the Street Pastor team. Every other Sunday our church is used as a Child Contact Centre.

We support the work of Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and we are thankful to Stuart Chandler for becoming our representative. Since its inception we have supported their winter night shelter project by giving our space and resources. As they have developed so has our support to people who find themselves homeless in Kingston Town.

As we care for each other we also need to care for this large building. Alongside our paid staff there are members and friends who care for the state of the building. Issues around the fabric of the building are considered through the Management team, Ken Bartlett, Christine Thompson, Sally Blandford and the church secretary. Linda Austin is a trustee of Southern Synod and a great link to that tier of governance of the United Reformed Church.

The Marketing and Communications Group ensures that our notices are up to date and displayed in accessible and interesting ways. This includes so much more than the physical notices that you see. Our website, twitter and Facebook accounts make it possible to be connected when it is not possible to visit this building.

There are people who are not a part of a group who also join in the tasks of maintaining the building. People, who quietly keep the book trolley tidy, those who notice when we run out of toilet paper, those who know where

the carpet sweeper is and use it and those who generally enjoy keeping the sanctuary tidy. We thank you.

There are others amongst us who show their love by being involved in the movement of money within this church. The management group, the cash counting team, Richard Scorer, Nigel Tunley, John Reid and John Davies, John Watts and Christine Thompson who can use the bank account to pay the bills, Catherine Treweek and Allan Oscroft who manage our lettings. For the last few years Ken Bartlett has taken on the role of treasurer and he is going to stand down from this responsibility. We thank you Ken for all that he has done and achieved within this role. But we are all involved in the movement of money since unless we give from our resources there would be no money available for use. We are thankful for our generosity and know that there is great need for this to continue. The movement of the money is monitored and governed by the fact that we have been a charity since 2009 and must abide by the law of the land. In the long life of this church this is a new relationship.

The way that we make decisions about what we might feel God is calling us to use the building for is interesting. In 1972 the URC began through the uniting of Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales. The Reformed Association of Churches of Christ joined in 1981 and the Congregational Union of Scotland in 2000. They each brought their loved traditions and the Manual brought together the best of them all and offers a way of governance that enables the URC to work.

I mention this here because, my friends, the relationship between the key meetings of our church, the elders and this Church Meeting is not always clear and there can be tensions and I would suggest that once we became a charity things got more complicated. Some of us spend much time on these matters and some of us do not. Does that matter?

KURC has existed, exists now and will continue to exist purely because people have seen, heard or experienced something about the power of God's love for us all and want to be a part of it here. How we manage this place and all that goes on responsibly and collectively is important. We are blessed with our company of 14 elders. We meet monthly and in addition to acquiring the role of trustees each elder takes a lead in some aspect of our mission. With so many threads to what KURC does there is much to share and elders take their responsibilities seriously. That is not to say that we do

not laugh too. I would like to use this time to thank them for what they do and for the support that they give to me.

Over this year we have considered how we can make church meeting more accessible. The formal meetings happen on the second Sunday of alternate months. We have offered times to get together on the other six second Sundays of the year through bring and share lunches. Today marks the first of the change in start time to enable more people to stay for the meetings.

We are many and in truth we do not know each other well and our communication skills are not brilliant. We are no different from any large family! We are disciples and volunteers. How much time we give actively is a personal matter. It seems that this is my season to give many hours of time to this church. There are others who are doing likewise and when we get tired we need to remember those who did our work in the past and think of those who will do it in the future.

At this time of the year I am required to name those of you who are prepared to be our representatives or delegates for organisations that we are associated with, and those who do particular jobs within the church. This is so that your names can be brought to the church meeting. We have a small number of gaps and it would be wonderful if they could be filled. No job needs to last forever.

Throughout this church year the world has been changing and there have been some terrible events that have been led by terrorists and there was the horrendous fire that led to the destruction of building and the lives of so many in Grenfell Tower. These are events that might challenge our understanding of our faith. Within the eldership we have considered how we might best protect people within this space, using materials produced for churches. In addition, within Kingston, interfaith events have been held throughout the year, to enable people to spend time together and learn more about people of faith. As I write I am hearing the news about the high tension that exists within the Korean Peninsula. We need to remember our commitment to seek to transform unjust structures of society.

Over the next few years we will see buildings around us go and new ones will be built. More people will live closer. This church and its building will remain. It will be a time of disruption. We have a team of people who have been working on our relationship with the planners and developers. We aim for the change to be of mutual benefit in order that we can continue to a church, a sanctuary and a community hub.

One of my favourite times is when we are preparing for the start of Sunday services. It is at this time that I become aware of how many people are involved. I arrive at about the same time as the minister, the musician or musicians, flower arranger, sound system preparer and someone from the YPSG team. The service papers are always set ready. Soon people arrive to prepare the hall for serving refreshments. I get a bit busy and as I look around I see that the vestry elder, the welcomers, our sermon translator and the stewards have arrived. Slowly the church becomes fuller and conversations can be heard everywhere. Then we gather and we pray. On behalf of us all I would like to thank not just all the preparers but the clearer uppers too.

A major development in our mission has been the appointment of Sulhee Kim as our development worker who is working principally through music. We all benefit but she has a special emphasis on young people and our Korean members and friends.

And finally, some words about Lesley and Suk In. Our ministers spend some considerable time working quietly and diligently supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. This aspect of their work needs to be confidential. All we need to do is to pray for them often as they care for and consider the impact of our unfair society, what God is saying to them and how to use the Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Our ministers spend some considerable time leading us in collective worship. This ranges from a full church to small groups of two or three. Each moment of worship requires concentration and being linked to God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our ministers spend some considerable time with us as members of this church. Our ministers spend some considerable time with our church friends who we hope will become members too. What our ministers do not do is spend some considerable time on themselves as ordinary people.

On behalf of the church I thank you both for your devotion.

Cathy Seymour

Passport to Eternity

On 10th September, Choir members took me from the mundane difficulties of the morning to where, on reaching the Church, I was transported to a wonderfully spiritual place. The singing of the Choir, joined by the congregation, was a passport to eternity. I did not want it to stop. It was a morning of pure joy with singing and musical accompaniments that would be difficult to emulate.

So thank you to all who contributed. It was time devoted to God that was not only time well spent but pure delight.

If we were fortunate to have singing and music like this every Sunday I am sure those on the outside would come inside!

Ann Macfarlane.

Thank you

Steve and I would like to thank the many people who have taken the trouble to congratulate us on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We have received many cards and letters, and at the moment our house looks like a florist's showroom, with so many bouquets. The actual date of our anniversary was 5 August, when we were on holiday in France with daughter Nicola, husband Simon, and grandchildren Emma and Katherine. That morning, Steve and I were commissioned to go out to the local boulangerie (*bakery*) to get some croissants and pain au raisin and when we got back there was a line of 50 gold-wrapped small presents stretching from where we got out of the car to the breakfast table - including some gold finger-biscuits and three (only) gold packets of Pork Scratchings (which I adore and am not supposed to eat, but they have somehow disappeared!) We had a big family gathering in England this past weekend as many friends joined us for a buffet lunch - which saved them having to struggle down to Southern France in August to greet us on our actual anniversary!

Steve and I have been part of KURC - and its former self, Kingston Congregational Church - for a long time, but this celebration has brought home to us once again that we are part of a wonderful church family, and we are extremely grateful. Thank you.

Tony and Steve Wenman

Pastoral News

We are called to pray for one another at all times, whether in times of illness or difficulty, times of joy or happiness or because it is one of those ordinary days.

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
Anyone wishing to receive the full edition of Church
News by e-mail should send an
e-mail to: tony.wenman@gmail.com

Church and church linked groups in our prayers this month are: People aged between 40 and 60; Church News editorial team; everyone involved in Messy Church (helpers, caterers and the families who attend) and the Catering and Social group. (If you don't know what the group is or who it includes look in the church manual or ask!)

Prayer

God of grace, as the routine of life returns to normal after the Summer holidays we give you thanks for the life of those who have died. Comfort their families and friends as they grieve.

We remember all those in hospital or recovering from a hospital stay. Be with them and remind them of your love. Give strength to their families and friends and all who care for them.

We pray for all those returning to school, or going to a new college, job or voluntary work. May they find fresh challenges and opportunities to learn and develop.

We pray for the situation in the Korean peninsula and for the concerns of those Koreans living here and worshipping with us, for family and friends in both north and south. Comfort them and assure them of your presence in that situation.

We thank you for the Church News editorial group and all their work to produce Church News throughout the year. We pray for Messy Church and all those involved in it. Give them wisdom as they plan the next steps. We pray for the Catering and Social group giving thanks for all their work to provide social events for us all to share. Assure them of the value of what they do in bringing people together. We pray for all those in the 40 to 60 year age group. For the many and diverse challenges they face. May they know your presence with them as they journey through this phase of their lives.

Finally, we pray for our ministers, Lesley and Suk-In. Give them new energy, insight and patience as they lead us. Help us to all to support them in their role.

Amen.

Faith Advancement monthly book club

We're starting a book club. Would you like to join us? We're planning the sessions to be on the third Tuesday of the month from 1930 to 2000 with social/prayer time and 2000 to 2100 for the book review. We will finish at 2100 sharp.

The first session will on **Tuesday, 17 October**, at Katie Frost's home. This will be a kick off meeting with those interested and we'll introduce the first book. We can decide future arrangements at the first meeting but the intent would be to review one book per month.

We are suggesting the theme for 2017/2018 is 'spiritual wellbeing'. Katie Frost will lead and host the first meeting at her home. The venue can move round to people's homes (probably better than at the church) depending on the wishes of the group.

We're hoping that you will be able to come but if you would like to follow the book series and send comments to us prior to the meetings, that's also possible. Perhaps you may just like to read the book.

We intend to share the output from each discussion in the church magazine.

There is so much material for us to use in our spiritual development. We hope this is one opportunity you will feel is worthwhile.

See you on 17 October? Do let us know if you can come.

Katie Frost and Linda Austin

Tony's Golden Jubilee Concert

It is almost impossible to believe, but at the end of November this year Tony Wenman will have been our organist for 50 YEARS!!! This is a quite extraordinary achievement, probably unequalled in the annals of the URC, and our gratitude for such loyal and devoted service knows no bounds. For much of this time Tony has not only played at every morning and evening service but directed a choir as well. When you do the sums, he must have played around 20,000 hymns and 5000 organ voluntaries. The round of applause which he regularly receives after the Sunday morning voluntary reflects the very high standard of his musicianship and the great esteem in which we hold him.

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To mark this significant anniversary there is going to be a concert in the church on the afternoon of **Sunday 12th November, starting at 3pm**, when a galaxy of KURC musicians will perform a medley of musical items, both serious and light-hearted. (At least two pieces of music are being specially composed for the occasion.) The concert will last about an hour and will be followed by light refreshments.

So book the date now! **12 November 2017** Come and celebrate!

The Music Committee



Kingston Congregational Church Choir circa 1970

***A letter to your editor
from Norah Carrington - a former member***

Dear Tony

As I've lived away from Kingston for over twice as long as my attendance at the URC there I have often thought it time to discontinue mailings of Church News. However, the September issue reminds me why I don't. An excellent read indeed! It is full of contributions of interest, education and much wisdom. The phrase 'moral seriousness' in the C of E piece 'Why Go to Church?' triggered a memory. Having rarely attended any place of worship during the 1990s, I arrived at KURC on the first Sunday of the new millenium. Later, to an astonished atheist friend's question I responded 'I want to stand up with people whose values I share'.

Lesley's letter is always as inspiring and challenging as the sermons I remember, and I admire her words as spoken at funerals. I have warm memories of the meetings I had with Bill and Margaret McMahon in my first years in Exmouth, when they rented a house in Budleigh Salterton for their entire family during a half-term break. They must indeed be missing Bill's presence.

I continue to attend Exmouth Quaker Meeting and occasionally the local Anglican church or Exeter Cathedral. My son is in his third year as Vicar in WestwardHo! which is part-time. Since January he is also responsible for lay ministry training with the SWMTC - ten years after giving up his training role at the Met Office! My grandson, Matthew, has completed two or his four years at Durham University, studying physics.

Please feel free to forward this to Lesley. Since her kind phone calls after I came to Devon I'm not sure what her thoughts will be learning that I moved again in May - the fourth flat I've owned and, horrors, my eighth address in the fourteen years (though two were temporary whilst I waited for a new build). Now, at 81, I really am dunmovin' and living in a McCarthy & Stone development. I have views to the estuary and Haldon Hills, only five minutes walk to shops, and to beach where I still enjoy a paddle.

Best wishes to you and Steve

Norah Carrington



READINGS for OCTOBER 2017

FRIENDSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE Friends with God

Sunday 1 October Proverbs 17:9-17
 Monday 2 October Exodus 33:7-11
 Tuesday 3 October Proverbs 22:22-25
 Wednesday 4 October 1 Samuel 18:1-5
 Thursday 5 October Proverbs 27:5-19
 Friday 6 October Micah 7:1-7
 Saturday 7 October Psalm 55

Face to face

Sunday 8 October Proverbs 18:24 - 19:7
 Monday 9 October Luke 7:31-35
 Tuesday 10 October Luke 14:12-14
 Wednesday 11 October Psalm 41
 Thursday 12 October John 13:12-30
 Friday 13 October Luke 21:5-19
 Saturday 14 October John 15:12-17

STORIES FROM JUDGES

Triumph and victory

Sunday 15 October Judges 1:9-15
 Monday 16 October Judges 3:12-30

Tuesday 17 October Judges 4:4-22

Wednesday 18 October
Judges 6:11-16, 34-40

Thursday 19 October 7:1-8

Friday 20 October 7:9-22

Saturday 21 October 9:1-21

Death and disaster

Sunday 22 October
Judges 9:22-29, 50-56

Monday 23 October Judges 11:1-11

Tuesday 24 October Judges 11:29-40

Wednesday 25 October
Judges 13:1-14, 24

Thursday 26 October Judges 16:4-22

Friday 27 October Judges 16:23-31

Saturday 28 October Judges 19:1, 16-30

HERE I STAND

I can do no other

Sunday 29 October Isaiah 45:15

Monday 30 October Isaiah 7:9b

Tuesday 31 October Acts 5:17-29

Kingston
Mental
Health
Parliament



Kingston Mental Health Parliament

Integrity is our Motto – ALWAYS

We provide a monthly drop in service and everyone is welcome to use this service. We are here the **first Wednesday and last Tuesday of each month**, to provide advice, support, information and a listening ear around issues or concerns, you may have with the Mental Health services or any other type of service provided within the borough.

People have been visiting the drop in service and raising a range of different issues and concerns they have around Mental Health.

Quotes from users of our service.

“I feel much better after talking to you”

“Thank you for being so helpful and kind today”

“I found out some very useful information today”

Location – United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston KT1 1HZ

Time – 10am-12 noon. (Free tea/coffee & biscuits provided)

If we are unable to help you we may be able to sign post you to an organisation or group who may be able to support you further.

Email jay@mindinkingston.org.uk or simon@mindinkingston.org.uk

Or phone **0208 255 3939** if you would like more info.

Regular Weekday Activities

Monday:

10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
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 Dancing with Lyn (Ballroom & Latin American Dancing)
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. Copy for Church News must reach the editor, no later than midday on the second Sunday of the month.

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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 10.30 replaces the 10.00 and 11.30 services

Tea and coffee are served between the 10.00 and 11.30 services, before the 10.30 service on the second Sunday and after the 18.30 service

During the 10.00 and the 11.30 and the second Sunday 10.30 services there are **group activities for children** of all ages. Visiting children are welcome to take part.

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Coffee and Tea: Our foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from 11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea. **The Sanctuary** is also open daily for **private prayer** with access via the foyer.

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.

