



# **CHURCH NEWS**

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## **CHURCH DIARY: SEPTEMBER 2018**

**(for regular activities see inside back cover)**

Sunday	2 Sept.	10.00	Worship (Communion)
		11.30	All Age Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship
Saturday	8 Sept.	19.00	Christian Aid Quiz
Sunday	9 Sept.	09.30	Coffee available
		10.30	All Age Worship
		11.30	Church Meeting
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		18.30	Reflective Worship
Thursday	13 Sept.	12.30	Lunchtime Recital (see pg. 8)
Sunday	16 Sept.	10.00	Worship
		11.30	All Age Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship (Communion)
Thursday	20 Sept.	19.00	Church Discussion Group
Sunday	23 Sept.	10.00	Worship
		11.30	All Age Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship
Sunday	30 Sept.	10.00	Worship
		11.30	All Age Worship (Communion)
		18.30	Reflective Worship

### **Advance Notices:**

HymnFest – 10.00 – 1 pm Saturday, 6 October (see pg. 8)

Harvest – Sunday, 14 October

### **FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Madge Cole
- 9<sup>th</sup> Suk In & He Jung Kim Lee
- 16<sup>th</sup> Free
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn White
- 30<sup>th</sup> The Clegg Family in memory of Alan & Kathleen

If anybody feels they would like to give the flowers on Sunday, 16th September, please have a word with Jean Thompson either in church or on 020 8390 5232.

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## LESLEY'S LETTER



Dear All,

Sometimes I see someone whether on a screen or in the flesh and I think to myself, 'how did it come to this?' How did you end up in such a physical condition? In such a place? What were the life events? Or how were you so indoctrinated? So abused? I remember seeing a photograph of one of the IRA bombers and looking at him thinking, 'you look like an interesting guy to have a drink and a laugh with'. How did it come to this? The answer is, slowly.

After they had arrested him, they asked the man trained as an ISIS fighter in his prison cell 'if you had known on the day you left for Syria what you know now would you still have gone'? And he said 'yes' (much to their surprise). 'If you had known six months in advance?' - 'ah well, that could well have been different.'

By the time the day came it was too late. He was convinced. He was committed.

We are all about the practices of every day. What we watch, we read, who we love, what we love. Not what we say we do, but what we actually do.

What do we worship every day? If someone was watching us and could read our minds what would they see? How are we keeping ourselves true to what we say we want to establish as our foundational core to our lives?

We need to remember we change for good or ill slowly. What way are we choosing?

***Yours, Lesley***



## CATHY'S CONVERSATION



I have just returned from being away and being with family. One of the ways that we relax together is doing a jigsaw puzzle. Five of us completed the puzzle within 24 hours. As the 1000 pieces were laid out on the table we declared what we were going to do towards getting the puzzle complete. With time, focus, sharing the tasks, bringing the separate bits of work together, conversation, music and rests, we spent a happy time and enjoyed looking at the completed picture.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September we will be reviewing another year in the life of this church at the AGM. At the risk of overplaying the metaphor, I hope that we will be able to see the value in all our different approaches that contribute towards the final picture.

Our minister will soon be on her walking challenge and I know that she is making good preparations. Nevertheless, this seems like a good time to be reminded of this blessing, which is for us all.

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

***Cathy***



## **PASTORAL NEWS at 14. 8.18.**

Praying for each other is something we can all do wherever we are.

*Out of care for people's privacy, Personal News 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](mailto:tony.wenman@gmail.com)*

Church and church linked groups in our prayers this month are: Flower arrangers; Foyer coffee service; Foyer events and activities and the Safeguarding group.

Lord God, maker of all things,

We ask for your healing hand on those recently in hospital. We give thanks for the skill and dedication of the hospital teams who have treated them and ask your blessing on those responsible for their ongoing care.

We pray for those about to start a new year at school, college or university.

Support them as they get used to their new surroundings and fill them with a desire to learn. We remember those starting a new job or phase of their life.

Walk with them as they adapt to the new situation and give them your peace.

We pray for the flower arrangers, giving thanks for their skills that brighten the church week by week. We thank you for all those involved in the coffee service. May they be strengthened to serve you and all who use the foyer.

We rejoice in the work of those who run activities in the foyer. Whatever form they take we know how valued they are by the people who use the foyer. So bless them and renew their enthusiasm for the work. We thank you for the work of the safeguarding group, give them wisdom and sensitivity as they oversee this important task.

We pray for Lesley and Suk-In as they remind us of all that you have made; for the premises staff; for Sally and her work with young people and families and for Sulhee. May they see clearly what you want to build in Kingston URC. Finally, give to us all a renewed willingness to serve you and all with whom the church comes into contact. Amen.

***Martyn Verge***



## **ACTS OF WORSHIP**

Have you ever thought you might be called to lead some acts of worship? Maybe not the whole of a morning service to start with, but prayers? Or a reflection?

Have you ever thought it would be good to know more about what is behind what we do? Why we do it?

We have a course starting in the autumn – monthly meetings. There will be homework – not essays but practical tasks.

Come and try it – *more information from Lesley.*

## **‘YOU ARE WHAT YOU LOVE – THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF HABIT’ by James K A Smith**

Who and what do you love? Not what do you say you love, but what do you really love? What is your truest heart’s desire? Not what is the right answer and what is your best answer, but what desires shape the way that you live your life? How can we change that towards a desire for God? How aware are we of the impact that our culture is having on us and our loves?

These are the questions that shape the book that Rev. Richard Church recommended at the Church Weekend.

If you are a person who prefers speech to reading, there is a talk on some aspects of this on YouTube.

*Lesley*



**From Maggie Arnold:** From mid-October Derek Winsor will be taking over from Maggie organising the readers for Sunday morning. Please say “yes” whenever possible.

**From John Arnold:** If anyone has any photographs they think would be suitable for inclusion in the service paper, please send them to John – email: [jvarnold012@gmail.com](mailto:jvarnold012@gmail.com)

## Autumn Lunchtime Recitals at KURC

We have three recitals lined up:

On **Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 12.30pm Constance Chow and our own Sulhee Kim will be playing piano duets and solos. The main work will be Debussy's 'Petite Suite' for piano duet. Both Constance and Sulhee have played for us before and we know how talented they are.

On **Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12.30pm Catrin Meek will be playing works on the harp, accompanied by Meera Maharaj on flute. Both Catrin and Meera are training at the Royal Academy. We are confident that the harp will sound pretty amazing in our very resonant church acoustic. At the end of the recital there will be an opportunity to gather round and see how it is played: it's much more complicated than you think!

On **Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 12.30pm Julia and John Dewhurst from All Saints, accompanied by David Elwin on piano, will give a recital of songs and poetry to mark the centenary of the Armistice. An ideal opportunity to reflect.

Do make a note of these dates now. The recitals are free, with a retiring collection for the Community Hub Project. Keep an eye on posters in the foyer for full details of the music.

*The Music Committee*



## HymnFest on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

KURC is planning to fill the church with music on the morning of Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is a HymnFest. We are gathering together as many of our own congregation, choir and musicians as we can and inviting friends from other local churches to join us. We will be led by Peter Bullett, Music Director of New Malden Methodist Church. Peter organised a very successful Hymn-a-thon at his church last year at which the congregation, choir and visitors sang 150 hymns to mark the church's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our aim will be, not to try and break that record, but to celebrate the range and variety of music in our church, to share favourite hymns and songs and to sing our hearts out. **It's for everyone** – no special musical skills or experience required! Further details from Liz Bartlett - email [lizbartlett2000@gmail.com](mailto:lizbartlett2000@gmail.com)

## Going Green?!

I recently led an 11.30 service based on Ephesians 4. The verse that stood out and was focussed upon was verse 15. 'Instead, by SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head.'

This made me remember something I read a long time ago in Bill Hybel's very practical book, 'Making Life Work', so I read a small extract to the congregation as a challenge to us all, and I have been asked to share it in Church News, so here goes...

'Imagine a graph in bright colours. On the far left is a blue area with the word *truth* written above it. On the far right is a yellow area with the word *love* written above it. In the middle is a green area where truth and love mingle. Where would you place yourself on that graph?

Are you the kind of person who prefers to live in the yellow area? Are you proud of your reputation for always offering a word of encouragement and freely spreading love and grace around? But do you shrink back from speaking words of truth? Do you pursue peacekeeping at the expense of truth-telling?

Or are you an outspoken person who prides yourself on living in the blue area? Are you fearless when it comes to confronting people with the truth? Do you enjoy 'setting people right'? But do you generally ignore that bit about kindness, love and grace? Do you tend to brutalize others?

The challenge is to move toward the green area and develop the supernatural ability to communicate truth with such a kind spirit that your words become a channel for God's transforming power.'

Some questions from the study guide at the back of the book?.....

- Do you think you are the kind of person who needs to work more on adding love and grace to your words, or are you the type who needs to put more emphasis on truth-telling rather than peace-keeping?
- What steps can you take to grow in this area?

**Sally Butler**

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## Church Weekend 2018

The church weekend was on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July this year, at the church. I must admit I was a bit surprised when I first heard that the church weekend wouldn't be at Dunford House but at KURC, and wondered just how it would work. My concerns were allayed in about five seconds whilst sharing conversations in the foyer around plentiful cups of tea and too many biscuits!

On Friday night, Lesley led us in Worship and we had a great game, 'Bingo' where we had to get signatures of others who could perform special or specific talents (i.e. ear wagging, writing with left hand and dare I say it – 'Never having been to Scotland'!). We settled down to a lovely dinner and then some games before bed when a few stayed overnight.

Saturday was a full day – we had several sessions in the morning after a great breakfast. The speaker, Reverend Richard Church, talked to us about Holy Habits, concentrating on 3 specific habits, chosen by us in advance. These were Biblical Teaching, Prayer and Gladness & Generosity. You can read all about these habits in a book called 'Holy Habits' by Andrew Roberts. There are also study guides available for each habit.

Richard was well qualified to lead us in these sessions and is the Deputy General Secretary of the United Reformed Church and works out of Church House in London. He has been in ministry for more than thirty years and was the Moderator of North West Synod before his appointment. Richard was an illuminating speaker and made all three 'habits' very topical, fun and interesting – a wide area was covered for each and he made the habits entirely relevant to today's world. So much so, I bought the guide of 'Gladness & Generosity' to explore further.

We had a break in the afternoon, following from lunch where several activities were available. Vaughan had arranged a treasure hunt leading us all over Kingston to find the sacred prize of a mocha kit-kat and stationery; Carol helped people to make crosses in the hall; Janine led some expert flower arranging and Rose led us in a Body and Soul workout which yours truly joined and enjoyed - a perfect refresher to continue a further session by Richard in the afternoon, and then Pizza, thanks to Catherine. We all watched a film in the evening, nominated by Lesley, called 'Marvellous' with Toby Jones; a cracking film and a true feel-good movie.

After Sunday's breakfast together, Richard and Lesley led the worship and then a final meal before the weekend came to a close.

I took a few things from the weekend – fellowship. Of course. Prayer, definitely. A sense that church is especially relevant now, today – in all our lives and that these holy habits really are worth pursuing and exploring. Finally, that a church weekend isn't about location – it's about people being together and sharing a journey, and it was a great journey. To sum up the weekend and to borrow the title of Saturday evening's movie, the whole church weekend was simply 'Marvellous'. I look forward to the next one!!

Also, just to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes and to those who went along – a great time was had by all.

***Stuart Chandler***

### **And the Church Weekend in Pictures .....**





## From Church Meeting 100 years ago

The following extracts are from minutes held in our church archives. 1918 was, of course, the final year of the First World War. It was also the year when women obtained the vote. And - surprise surprise - the church finances were not in the best of health!

### 1 October 1917

It was proposed by Mr Hall and seconded by Mr Bentall and unanimously resolved that in future elections sex shall be no barrier to the election of a church member to any office in the church.

### 20 February 1918

Mr Bentall urged the church to make an extra special effort to clear the £500 debt [*about £20,000 in today's money*] and made a challenge to offer £100 if that sum was raised.

### 10 April 1918

The minister referred to the Government's Manpower Bill, which would conscript Ministers of Religion. He deprecated anything like panic, but considered that a minister's work was national service in the highest sense, and that ministers should be regarded as 'moral ministers.'

### 2 October 1918

The church fuel and light ration was announced as follows: Coal 3.5 tons; Coke 13.5 tons; Gas 40,000 feet; Electricity 800 BT units. The treasurer emphasised the need for care in the usage and it was agreed as far as possible to hold all meetings in the first half of the week.

*John Fisher from the Archives*

### June 2018 Gift Day

A huge thank-you to all those who responded to the recent KURC appeal which was centred on our 10 June Gift Day. This raised an impressive total of **£26,696.63**, including Gift Aid, which was further supplemented by a major anonymous donation shortly afterwards.

The fruits of the Gift Day have a significant impact on KURC's presence and work in the centre of Kingston. The upturn in our income helps us towards the financial self-confidence we need to be able to strengthen and build on the things we do that make such a difference to the people they touch. Lesley made eloquent reference to these in her appeal letter of May this year, and it is worth re-reminding ourselves of the remarkable range and reach of our community engagement.

Thank you again for your support. KURC's work cannot live by Gift Days alone of course, so it would be helpful if we could all continue to keep our regular giving under review. Let's do all we can to help reinforce and protect the Gift Day's enduring legacy.

*The Elders*

## **KURC Book Club Review: 'The Spiral Staircase' by Karen Armstrong**

This book is a continuation of Karen Armstrong's biography which she began in her first book 'Through the Narrow Gate' where she described her initiation as a nun. The first part of this second book describes the crippling effects that the seven years of convent life had on her personality and spirituality. In 1962 at the age of 17 she elected to become a nun out of a sense of religious vocation. In 1967 she took up a scholarship at St Anne's College, Oxford while living at a local convent but relinquished her vows in 1969. She coped with her studies but not with her exposure to secular life. She was treated sympathetically with her mental health problems, but sadly she spent many years until 1976 with the undiagnosed condition of temporal lobe epilepsy. When this was finally treated with appropriate medication, her life and thinking seem to have moved forward as she began a writing, filming and lecturing career seeking to give understanding to the Abrahamic faiths. She uses T S Eliot's 'Ash Wednesday' poems to trace her own spiritual recovery.

This is a very well-written and engaging book and unanimously liked by the book club members. It is interesting to see the world of the 1960s and 70s through her eyes and to read her anguished descriptions of her spiritual thinking during those years. In the last chapter of the book Karen Armstrong seems to have reached a comfortable, though not static, place with her spirituality. She develops the idea that faith is not simply about belief, but about practice, and that we need to discover how to be fully human and that to live in the present is transformative. She has come to the view that compassion and social justice are the main impetus for religious life; that God is 'out there' and also immanent in the world, but that there may be 'nothing' out there at all. She acknowledges, however, that there is a universal quest by humankind for ultimate meaning and value.

We are currently reading 'The Razor's Edge' by W. Somerset Maugham. There has been no meeting in July, but we will reconvene on the third Tuesday in August (21<sup>st</sup>). The following meeting is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September when we will be reviewing another of Karen Armstrong's books, 'Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life'. The meetings start at 19.30 at Katie Frost's home – it would be great to see you. Please speak to Katie Frost or Linda Austin if you would like more information.

***KURC Book Club***

## Lesley's Marathon to Scotland



Lesley is undertaking her second marathon at the end of August. The editor thought readers would be interested to hear a bit more about this mammoth undertaking.

Lesley will start walking from the manse on Monday, 27 August, heading to the west of the country and walking north to her parents' home in Ayrshire. The plan is to walk 20 miles a day. As Lesley says, it is a brilliant metaphor for life and ministry in particular. Many people can walk 20 miles a day – the challenge is getting up

the next morning and walking 20 miles again and the next day and on and on .....

Accommodation is booked for the first 4 days and she will stay the first night with Rev David Varcoe, whom some may remember. On day 3 Lesley plans to stay with Jo and Trevor Newman in Milton Keynes and later meet up with Ken and Heather Walker. One of Lesley's friends, a complete walk-avoider, is going to walk with her a little way and another friend, ex Wallington URC, is going to join at some stage. Each day Lesley will use her mobile to navigate to the next place. Sundays will be a day of rest, and Ray is intending to walk Lesley in from Dumfries.

Why? Simply because she can; one day it will not be possible. Lesley is taking more care of her feet than last time. Two pairs of waterproof walking trainers and beautiful and expensive socks are ready and waiting, as is the great Compeed blister solution.

From Lesley: "Hey, God's in the house – let's go". We need to pray for her. Lesley will be back on Sunday, 23 September.

Look out for details of Lesley's blog.



## The Back Page

Reading today's (12. 8.18.) 'Back Page', I wanted to celebrate what a special feature it always is on the Service Sheet week by week. I feel that I take it for granted far too often, but the variety of items can always be relied on to bring our attention to events in the Christian life, often beyond our church.

Whether it is the delicious sequence of Music Recitals that we enjoy during the year, recommendations of Faith-related reading, radio or TV programmes to catch in the coming week, or major events such as Christian Aid activities, Sue and John Watts always bring us something to extend our enjoyment of the Christian life beyond Sunday.

This week, in the All-Age Service, Lesley led us through a consideration of *anger*, and how to deal with it; the Back Page recommended a programme on Radio 4 "*How to Disagree – a Beginner's guide to having better arguments*". How relevant is that?

I believe there have now been a few hundred "Back Pages", all of which needed some research, catching deadlines and decisions on what is most appropriate for us all. And this goes on through holidays, Christmas-time, even illness and fatigue. Thank you so much, Sue and John, for keeping it lively and relevant every week. It really needs celebrating! May I humbly say, "*Don't stop!*"

**Liz Cook**



### **TEN TOP TIPS FOR ANGER:**

As mentioned above, the morning service on 12 August dealt with anger issues. Here is Sue Shaw's contribution all the way from Antigua!

1. Breathe slowly
2. Hold your tongue
3. Pray – tell God how you feel
4. Go for a walk
5. Reflect on the issue
6. Maybe talk to a trusted friend first
7. Sleep
8. Get things in perspective
9. Express righteous anger
10. Be angry but do not sin

## **Climate Change**

And here is Sue's letter from Antigua:

It is now the rainy season. Early in July Hurricane Beryl passed by but was downgraded to a tropical storm so we just had one night of rain, thunder and lightning. However, not enough water has fallen so I have had 2,000 gallons of fresh water delivered by tanker to the house as the cistern was almost empty.

As part of Hurricane preparedness, the national electricity people came to prune a big tree outside where I live as the branches were touching bare electricity cables. I also stocked up on canned food and made sure there was enough petrol in the car just in case of needing to evacuate. In the event there was no problem.

The east coast of the island is suffering badly with a massive daily invasion of a seaweed called sargassum. It smells of sulphur and is dark brown. It ruins the beaches here. At least one hotel has had to close. It is believed to be caused by warming of the oceans and is also a problem in Martinique. The government have ploughs out removing the stuff from the beaches, but it is returning day after day, so it is an ongoing battle.

### **Children's work**

Currently the school children are on a ten-week summer vacation. Lots of churches hold bible clubs for a week but the rest of the time the kids are at a loose end as many parents have to keep on working.

On Sunday afternoons I go down to Gray's Farm and organise a different craft activity. The children love making things especially the time we made our own playdoh. I look for ideas that make a change from colouring in and cutting out. I scour the internet but any ideas gratefully received. The children need a lot of help with basics, reminding them to say please and thank you, don't snatch and how to hold a pair of scissors. Many come from aggressive backgrounds and think it is normal to push people about, fight, grab and slap. I had to restrain a little boy from using a belt to hit another tiny boy.

I continue my radio recording and am focusing on famous Christians like Florence Nightingale, George Cadbury, Thomas Barnardo and Corrie ten Boom. Again, I look for inspiration from wherever.

### **Street Pastors**

A slow start. We have been out once in July at the time of writing. It is Carnival time soon and church people prefer to avoid it, especially its excesses. Hoping to still put out a team. We have had one management meeting but several people were unable to attend so progress is limited. We are currently trying to re-register with a

government department who would offer more support if we were officially recognised. The fact they have supported us in the past for several years since its inception has not made any difference as apparently there is no written formal contract or paper trail.

### **Personal**

I am keeping well apart from having to have root canal treatment. It seems to be healing. I now go to yoga and pilates classes every week and I love it. I am learning to drive a large jeep and have only had a couple of mishaps! I enjoyed going to the Roman Catholic Cathedral service recently and hope to go there more often. They use modern liturgy, contemporary hymns and new translations of the Bible. Alleluia!

Do visit me on my Facebook page where there are photos and a link to my weekly blog. Thank you for your prayers and interest.



***Sue with Local Vendor, Jocelyn***

### **Prayer & Meditation: a recommendation**

During our recent Church Weekend, Richard Church recommended signing up to the **URC Daily Devotions** emails. Early each morning the email pops into your Inbox and contains a reading, reflection and short prayer, all for FREE. You can arrange to get them by going to:

<http://devotions.urc.org.uk/>

***Why not give this a try? It is a brilliant at-least-once-a-day 'prompt' to prayer and contemplation.***

***Teresa James***

## **Think you know the Bible? Not sure? Think again .....**

We hold Bible Study sessions every fortnight on a Wednesday evening. We gather from 7.00ish for a cup of tea and then start work at 7.30 and are usually finished by 8.45.

Everyone is welcome, however you approach the Bible. No topic is off the table. We are launching into a book – ‘The Original Story – God, Israel and the World’ by John Barton and Julia Bowden.

Our object is to learn more. We listen to one another and expect the Spirit will be present. We do not feel the need to defend God or ideas that we do not understand. People have come and gone through the years, so we are used to new people joining.

We would try to make you welcome. Speak to Stuart, Robin or Ray Taylor to learn more.

**Lesley**

## **The Night Shelter: Expanding from six weeks to seven months**

*We have received the following from KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness):*

We hope that you are enjoying your summer and the warmer temperatures. As we look towards autumn and winter, we are pleased to announce that Kingston Council is **receiving an injection of funding from the Ministry of Housing to tackle rough sleeping in the borough**. Just one element of this funding is to task KCAH with expanding the Night Shelter Scheme and running it from September 2018 to March 2019. **Exciting and daunting too!**

Two venues will be used – the Everyday and John Bunyan Churches in Kingston – up to February, and then we shall revert to the normal seven-venue scheme for the last two months. We have recruited a Co-ordinator to oversee this piece of work. For this to work, we are dependent on volunteers coming forward, including to cover the Christmas period. The next two training dates for NEW volunteers are 22 August and 12 September. Visit [www.kcah.org.uk](http://www.kcah.org.uk) and follow the link to Eventbrite where you can sign up for your free ticket.

## **IBRA READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **A Community of Care**

Saturday 1 September    1 Corinthians 8:1–13

### **Hosea**

#### **1**

Sunday 2 September	Hosea 1:1–9
Monday 3 September	Hosea 2:1–10
Tuesday 4 September	Hosea 2:14–23
Wednesday 5 September	Hosea 4:1–10
Thursday 6 September	Hosea 5:8–15
Friday 7 September	Hosea 6:1–6
Saturday 8 September	Hosea 7:1–10

#### **2**

Sunday 9 September	Hosea 8:7–14
Monday 10 September	Hosea 9:10–17
Tuesday 11 September	Hosea 10:1–15
Wednesday 12 September	Hosea 11:1–11
Thursday 13 September	Hosea 12:2–9
Friday 14 September	Hosea 13:1–16
Saturday 15 September	Hosea 14:1–9

### **Balancing work and life**

#### **1    Work and rest**

Sunday 16 September	Genesis 2:2–3, 15
Monday 17 September	Genesis 3:17–19
Tuesday 18 September	Exodus 5:1–18
Wednesday 19 September	Exodus 31:12–17
Thursday 20 September	Leviticus 25:8–12
Friday 21 September	Psalms 127:1–5
Saturday 22 September	Proverbs 6:6–11

#### **2    Work**

Sunday 23 September	Proverbs 14:23–24
Monday 24 September	Ecclesiastes 3:9–14
Tuesday 25 September	Ecclesiastes 4:6–8
Wednesday 26 September	Ecclesiastes 9:7–10
Thursday 27 September	Matthew 25:14–29
Friday 28 September	Luke 12:22–34
Saturday 29 September	2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

#### **3    Rest**

Sunday 30 September	Exodus 33:12–23
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## **Goodbye to Joyce, from the Foyer guests**

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, Connie and I attended the funeral of Joyce Searle. Joyce was known by many Coffee Bar volunteers as a Foyer regular, friend of the ladies who gather for tea in the Foyer many mornings in the week. Joyce, born in 1931, lived all her life in Kingston, marrying Bob, her childhood sweetheart, in 1951. Rita, their daughter, was their one child, and they had some very loyal and loving grandchildren.

Bob's death affected Joyce very deeply, and we saw her become less well in charge of her own life. She often used to come into the Foyer, where her friends, especially Marie, would look after her, tidy her up, 'keep her feet on the ground', check she had her keys etc with her, and sometimes see her home. Eventually she went into a care home; Connie used to visit her regularly, talking with her, playing music from her past, such as dance music, and giving her some happiness towards the end. Her grandson Andy, along with his wife Claire, was her rock until the end.

Many people have been very fond of Joyce, and miss her lovely smile. There were 60 people at Kingston Cemetery for her funeral and interment - a very sad moment for all of us who had known her.

***Liz Cook***

## **Give As You Live**

Do you ever shop online; either occasionally or on a regular basis? If so, then read on.....

If you visit the website [giveasyoulive.com](http://giveasyoulive.com) you can sign up (for FREE) and choose a charity to support just by shopping with your favourite brands online! When you next shop, you go to the give as you live website and find your shop (loads are available), do your shopping as normal and then that shop will donate a small percentage to your chosen charity. Other organisations including charities, airlines and travel companies etc are also included as well as high street stores. It's that simple!

Why am I mentioning this? Because Kingston URC is now one of the charities you can choose to support and it's a way for us to earn a little more money, even if you are only donating 10p per purchase, it all adds up eventually!!

***Sally Butler***

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## **SNIPPETS OF NEWS PUBLISHED BY THE URC NATIONALLY**

Church Campaigning victory: Fixed-odds betting machine stakes cut to £2 maximum (from £100).

**6,000** people fed by faith communities in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Anglican Scots move closer to same-sex marriage. The decision was passed 345 to 170 to give its ministers the option of conducting same-sex marriages.

**911** deportation flights booked for Caribbean countries from March 2017 to March 2018 before the Windrush scandal.

Climate Study Guide. Operation Noah, the Christian climate change charity, launched a study guide to help Christians who don't see caring for creation as a faith issue.

**0.01%** is the proportion of life on earth that is human. Humanity has caused the loss of 83% of the earth's wild animals.

Christians tackle Loneliness. A coalition of faith-based charities began working together in May to tackle isolation amongst older people.

**£2,000** is the annual amount per household needed to modestly improve the NHS by 2033-34.

Human Rights Groups urge improvements in North Korea. 52 organisations, representing more than 300 non-governmental organisations around the world, wrote to North Korea's Supreme Leader on 7 June urging him to make 'lasting improvements to the dire human rights situation' in the country as it seeks global engagement.

Nigel Uden and Derek Estill are the incoming Moderators of the URC and will serve until 2020. Nigel Uden was Moderator of Southern Synod from 2001- 2010 and is currently minister of Downing Place and Fulbourn URC's in the Cambridge area. Derek Estill is an elder and member of Westbury Gardens URC, Blackburn.

## Regular Activities

### Sunday:

15.30 Messy Church (monthly, but Sundays vary)

### Monday:

10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)

### Tuesday:

19.30 Book Club (third Tuesday monthly)  
Speak to Linda Austin or Katie Frost for location

### Wednesday:

10.00 Tots' Praise  
13.10 Lunchtime Service  
14.00 & 19.30 Faith Studies – check date & frequency of courses

### Thursday:

19.00 International Friendship Café  
19.30 Line Dancing

### Friday:

13.00 Friday Prayers  
14.00 Quiz afternoon for Foyer guests (second Friday monthly)  
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. Copy for **Church News** must reach the editor no later than midday on the **second Sunday of the month**. Copy by e-mail is preferred.

**The next copy deadline is 11.30 am on Sunday, 9 September. Editor: Tony Wenman**

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS** may be made to the church in a number of ways, including via our "My Donate" page, accessible through every page of our website at [www.kingstonurc.org](http://www.kingstonurc.org). You can also pay directly into our bank account: sort code 20-46-76, account number 33054942. If you would like more information on giving to KURC, please ask any elder.

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**You can also keep in touch with worship and activities at our church through our website: [www.kingstonurc.org](http://www.kingstonurc.org). You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.**

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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

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.

### Our Sunday Services:

**10.00 – Traditional Worship**  
(with communion first Sunday monthly)

**Ministers:** Rev Lesley M Charlton  
Tel: 020 8399 4423  
E-mail: [minister@kingstonurc.org](mailto:minister@kingstonurc.org)

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

Rev Suk In Lee  
Tel: 020 8949 2070  
E-mail: [leesukin@hotmail.com](mailto:leesukin@hotmail.com)

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

**Church Secretary:**  
Cathy Seymour  
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E-mail: [chsec@kingstonurc.org](mailto:chsec@kingstonurc.org)

On the **second Sunday** of each month a **combined service at 10.30** replaces the 10.00 and 11.30 services

**Treasurer:**  
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**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

**Youth & Families Worker:**  
Sally Butler  
Mobile: 07807 348326  
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During the 10.00, 10.30 and 11.30 services there are **group activities for children** of all ages. Visiting children are welcome to join them

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