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Worship Diary: November 2018

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October 2018

Sun 28	10.00	Worship
	11.30	All-Age Worship (Communion)
	15:30	Messy Church does Craft
	18.30	Reflective Worship
Weds 31	10.00	Tots' Praise
	13.10	Lunchtime service

November 2018

Fri 2	13.00 – 14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sun 4	10.00	Worship (Communion)
	11.30	All-Age Worship
	18.30	Reflective Worship
Weds 7	10.00	Tots' Praise
	13.10	Lunchtime service
Fri 9	13.00 – 14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sun 11		Remembrance Sunday
	09.30	Coffee available
	10.30	Combined Worship
	18.30	Reflective Worship
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Weds 14	10.00	Tots' Praise
	13.10	Lunchtime service
Fri 16	13.00 – 14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sun 18	10.00	Worship
	11.30	All-Age Worship
	18.30	Reflective Worship (Communion)
Weds 21	10.00	Tots' Praise
	13.10	Lunchtime service
Fri 23	13.00 – 14.00	Prayer Meeting
Sun 25	10.00	Worship
	11.30	All-Age Worship
	15:30	Messy Church does Chill Out
	18.30	Reflective Worship

LETTER FROM LESLEY



Dear All,

Would you agree with the statement that the Christian life is an adventure? That is one of the descriptions that is regularly used. However adventure is a very particular view of events. Adventure includes the words: different, unpredictable and surprising. It implies movement. Not necessarily physical, but exploration certainly.

It is not meant to be the soft sofa and slippers of familiarity and ease. Following Jesus is challenging, surprising and includes the new. Adventure implies that it could be unsafe. Certainly it has the theme of danger and demand running through it.

The thing about an adventure is that you cannot plan it all. Surprising things will definitely happen. Even in the best organised of them. And that means the one thing you certainly leave behind when you go on any adventure is the safety of the familiar. For example, new ways of regarding people means that old stereotypes have to be challenged. The well-worn paths of our behaviour and thinking have to be left behind. Some of this will be uncomfortable. However it might also be joyous and delightfully surprising. You have to be prepared to take the risk.

Being a follower of Jesus is about being curious. About God, other people and about yourself. Being interested in trying to do what is right. With some things we know that certainly, but in other circumstances there needs to be a debate – even if in your head.

Being a follower of Jesus is all about being changed.

***Yours
Lesley***

After the service on 11th November, there will be a Church meeting. As a part of that, I will talk a bit about my walk. Bring your questions.

Cathy's Conversation



As I write, I have just been listening to Parliamentarians speaking about Brexit. There is no escaping from this big issue and only time will reveal how the whole issue will be managed. What I do know is that the big plans to redevelop Kingston Town Centre have been affected by potential outcomes of the political debate and that there are direct knock on effects for many people.

We know, from our close contact with town chaplaincy, that some people that work close to the church are uncertain about their working future and that this affects every aspect of their lives. The redevelopment team know how we would like to see our church within the new development because a while ago we discussed this at church meetings. Although there is no new news, be reassured that this group keeps these views foremost as they continue with their relationship with landowners.

We are a part of a church that has been worshipping here for over 350 years and so we are not unfamiliar with changes happening around us and within the church community.

A very recent change has been the closure of the Brook Street car park that we have been able to use since the 1990's when Sunday shopping started. We were not given any advanced warning of this and at this moment I do not know if it is permanent or temporary. We will endeavour to find a way to resolve this very real problem for many of us. As I write, I cannot be confident of the outcome, I suspect that there will need to many conversations with a variety of organisations as matters of who owns what and who manages the service can require some detective work. What I am confident of is that as a church we will find our way to manage this change.

On a more definite note, Waitrose Kingston have the Isolation at Christmas option for the green tokens. Any token that goes into that box will support our Christmas Day meal. There are, of course, other ways to support this important event. Start thinking and let us know.

Continuing my theme of hidden active church, thank you to all of you musicians for your contributions to our worship and thank you to the people that donate shower gels and shampoo to support our mission to help people to maintain their dignity through the opportunity to be clean, when a freely available bathroom is not an option.

Cathy

Pastoral News as at 11th October 2018

“Be alert and always keep on praying for all the people of God.”

Ephesians 6 v18b

Out of care for people’s privacy, the list of Personal Concerns is deleted from the web edition of Church News.

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Lord God, giver of hope,

We give you thanks for the life of Martin Foster and pray for his wife Pat and the family as they grieve. We also give thanks for the life of Peggy Tang’s mother and pray for Peggy and her family as they grieve.

We thank you that Ann Mackay is now out of hospital and seems to be doing well. We remember her and all those who have faithfully supported her in the past and continue to support her, asking for your blessing on them all.

We pray for Bronwen and the family as they support her father who is in hospital. Be with all those caring for him.

We pray for Maggie and Sue as they recover from illness. Be with them, their husbands caring for them and their families who support them.

We give thanks for the birth of Anna and ask your blessing on her, her parents Rachel and James and sister Esther.

We give thanks for Catherine, George, Joe, Sally, Sulhee, Lisa and Christine. We thank you for the very different jobs that each does for us; for their enthusiasm and commitment to their work. We pray for the Development group as they continue to monitor the plans for Kingston and to promote our cause with the builders. Give them patience as things take longer than expected and tenacity in following up our requests. We thank you for the work of Stay and Play; for all those who help run it and all those who attend. We ask God to guide those considering the future direction for the group. We pray for the work of Street Pastors and their prayer partners; rejoicing in the great work they do supporting vulnerable people in the town centre on Friday and Saturday nights. We pray for their safety and wisdom to know what to say and do. We pray for the music group and the work they do as they

develop the musical life of the church both in worship and through other events.

Finally, we pray for our ministers, Lesley and Suk-In. We give you thanks for their ministries among us, the parts we see but the vast majority that we do not. Bless them and reinvigorate their hope. Be with us all, remind us again of the great hope to which we are called through the life and death of Jesus your son.

Amen.

A few notes from the last Church Meeting

It's a few weeks now since the last Church Meeting (which was the Annual General Meeting), but here are a few notes for those who couldn't make it.

The Secretary's Report and Minister's Report were presented during the Combined Worship – see October edition of Church News.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Final accounts for 2017-18 will be put to vote at the November Church Meeting.

KURC are applying for funding from South Synod to support our Youth and Children's work.

All those listed in Church Handbook under church appointments have agreed to continue in their respective roles.

Four members of our congregation have asked to become church members.

Meeting minutes of Church Meetings are displayed at church or available from chsec@kingstonurc.org

An article on prayer

ASK SEEK KNOCK- Matthew 7 v 8

Jesus often prayed with his disciples and went into quiet places to be restored by his Father.

Throughout his ministry he frequently healed, undertook miracles and taught about the Bible to his followers.

Prayer is a powerful and often underestimated subject within the Church today amongst Christians.

How often do we request a prayer? Only to forget that we have prayed and this has been answered or your faith is not strong enough to believe prayers maybe answered in his time?

On Sunday's the Church prays for in particularly for the sick and suffering.

However, believing and having the faith in difficult times is often distance and difficult.

Recently on admission, my Mother entered a local hospital with a fractured hip, pneumonia and other complications including requiring oxygen.

The Doctors bluntly explained in a small bleak room that my Mother had been given a 50/50 chance to live.

Turning to friends, various Churches, Ministers and other Christians and house groups in other areas who prayed for her wellbeing and recovery.

Without an operation; she began to walk with the assistance of a frame. Her pneumonia went with antibiotic treatments, her lung and heart problems eased so oxygen was no longer needed.

A remarkable recovery occurred.

The Consultants and Doctors treating her felt that she was an interesting case, a very remarkable frail old lady, and determined. They appeared to overlook how she had come from near death in the Resuscitation Ward to returning back to the nursing home.

Maybe this is a lesson that we can all learn God's timing is in his hands not ours. Through prayer God can heal and we need to be positive and believe in what we pray.

ANON

Called to Serve

For Sulhee, coming to the end of her two years as volunteer church worker, and me approaching retirement, Lesley's suggestion that we attend the Called to Serve seminar arranged by the URCs Wessex synod seemed like a great opportunity.

We heard from individuals in each of the formal roles for serving God offered by the URC. There was a non-Stipendiary Minister (NSM), a Church Related Community Worker (CRCW), a Stipendiary Minister, an Elder, a Youth worker and a Church secretary. (We also learned a bit about Stepwise – the URCs new discipleship development programme – you'll hear more about that soon I am sure.)

We won't go in to the details of each role, you'll be pleased to hear (though if you really want to know please ask!) However, what we did think was worth sharing with you all was the way each speaker talked about the journey that led them to their current role. As they looked back, each told us that they could now see how God had used the different things that happened to them, the good and the bad, as preparation for the roles they'd been in and were in now.

It challenged us to think about our own situations. How has God used the things that have happened in our lives to enable us to do the things we do now? Are we doing what God wants us to be doing? And perhaps most importantly what is God calling us to do next?

Interestingly for Sulhee and me a lot will depend on things that are happening in our separate lives over the next few months but it is a good time to start thinking about where God could be leading.

We challenge each of you to look at your journey. Look back and thank God for using what has happened in your past to get you where you are now. But also ask God if you are doing the right things now and ask what God might be calling you to do next (it could be more of the same or something quite different!)

We wish you God's blessing on the next steps of your journeys.

Martyn Verge

Answer to photo competition on the front cover

They all (except Esther) have two daughters, no sons.

Flower Rota for November

4 November Liz Cook
11 November Barbara Parker
18 November Margaret Golding
25 November John & Maggie Arnold



“Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Thanks to Natasha Reid for these photos of the Saturday preparation for the Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday 14th October; and thanks to Jean Thompson for organising the flower arrangers and decorators.



Below is part of the finished display. Following the service, the celebrations continued in the Mayo Hall with a Pot Luck Dinner.



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Supporting Street Pastors in Antigua

I am still trying to build the team up but it is tough going. I will be in the UK in November when I shall hopefully complete a training course which will equip me to deliver mandatory training for new volunteers sometime in the New Year.

We manage to go out most Friday nights and regularly give out food to twenty people who are sleeping out or hungry. There is a small core of men who have substance abuse issues and we make sure we see to them as a priority.

One of them N has started rehab at Crossroads, a luxurious centre on the south of the island. It was established by rock legend Eric Clapton. Normally people pay for the treatment but in exceptional circumstances people are financed by supporters of Crossroads. The centre forbids photography so I can only describe it as a series of low level white buildings many with wrap around porches on the outside. The interior is very tastefully decorated with large pot palms, pale rattan furniture, brightly painted interior walls. Just beyond the reception area is a swimming pool set in landscaped gardens full of tropical plants and trees and a view of the sea.

N stays here for 30 days receiving therapy, joining in support groups, receiving didactic sessions. By the time you read this he will hopefully be living in the half-way house in another area of the island where he can stay for up to six months. He will be free to come and go and pursue paid work.

I visit R in hospital twice a week. He is probably detoxed by now but his future remains uncertain.

Other work

I continue doing my radio broadcasts. I have done over 40 so far. Any ideas for brief talks aimed at children gratefully received! Maybe there is a website you could recommend to me?

I continue to go down every Sunday afternoon to Grays Farm which is known as a ghetto and called the Garrison. We have had some hairy moments with aggressive behaviour from different children. Our base is a plain rickety wooden room with creaky floorboards, no running water and no glass in the windows. We have made lots of craft items with a biblical connection (sometimes a bit loosely connected!) and the children seem really delighted to have something to take home. They can be real handful, aged from 3 to 15.

Samaritans Purse, a well-known American evangelical charity, have provided Christmas gift boxes for all the children. They have also provided teaching material and books for every child called The Greatest Journey.

One of the helpers, a new Christian, a former gangster who had a dramatic conversion experience in prison, has now gone back to drug taking and is back in prison after almost a year of good behaviour. I have visited him there, a prison built in 1735. Please pray he would not lose his faith.

Church

I have settled at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Although I do not adhere to some of their teachings I have found the sermons really relevant and challenging. Also the worship is harmonious and well led and they use contemporary words and use modern versions of the Bible. The priest in charge, Father George, is a cheerful guy who likes parties and is passionate about people on the margins of society.

Fun times

Most notably I been zipping, hanging suspended over tropical forest and climbing across rope bridges that sway and have no netting underneath! I have also been turtle watching at night on a beach where we found nests and flipper tracks but no sightings. It was still fun.

I have been off island at last, for a day trip to the neighbouring island Barbuda which was badly damaged by Hurricane Irma last year. The beaches are wonderful – deep sugary sand and turquoise clear water. Sadly little repair work has been done and there are concerns about what happened to all the aid money that poured in. Samaritans Purse and the Red Cross were praised for what they did but have long since left.

Sue Shaw



The prison known as 1735 (when it was built).



Sue and Sami a street vendor. Sami is wearing a pink bandana for Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

**KURC Book Club Review:
'Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life' by Karen Armstrong (2011)**

Having read and enjoyed 'The Spiral Staircase', the KURC book club decided to read another book by Karen Armstrong....

Karen Armstrong is a religious historian and ex-nun. This book came about following her being awarded the \$100,000 annual prize by the Technology Entertainment and Design Organisation for her 'idea worth spreading' in 2007. At the award ceremony in 2008 she launched a 'Charter for Compassion'.

In the book she endeavours to guide thinking and make a case for developing compassion in our lives in order to build a global community based on mutual respect. She lays out a clear timeline that shows how compassion has been a foundational element of every world religion. Confucius, speaking in China 500 years before the birth of Christ, is credited with first calling for compassion as part of the Way (*dao*). Buddha some 40 years later spoke of compassion as "the desire to bring happiness to all sentient beings" (*karuna*). Judaism, Christianity and Islam and other religions each call for compassion as cornerstones of their teachings. Yet the evolution of our brains as Armstrong explains is still ruled to some degree by the older primitive, "reptilian" brain that is interested in food, fighting, fleeing and reproduction. The human brain has developed new structures over time which moderate these primitive, survival-based behaviours. Yet only by learning compassion can humanity rise above our instinctual behaviours to live with care, respect, honour, concern and compassion for others.

Religion is often seen as a cause of problems rather than making a major contribution to improving understanding. She draws on the idea of the 'Golden Rule' espoused by the monotheistic and other religions - that we should treat others as we would wish to be treated ourselves with the flip side being to not treat others as we would not like them to treat us. From this she develops her thinking on compassion meaning that we are walking with others and understanding them rather than feeling pity for them. Also, that compassion reflects something essential to the structure of our humanity. Her view is that compassion is alien to modern life which tends to be intensely competitive and individualistic, putting self first.

Our group thought that the first two sections of the book presented a useful historical context for thinking about compassion. In the other two thirds of the book the author guides the reader through aspects of behaviour and thought that can be modified to be able to develop and practise compassion in our lives. These ideas are presented in a series of steps which discuss the

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need for self-understanding and action along with ways in which we communicate with others, reach out beyond our own communities and learn to love our enemies.

We are now reading 'The Road to Character' by David Brooks and our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th November as from 19:30 at Katie Frost's home. You are most welcome to join us or to read the books in our expanding library.

KURC Book Club

HYMNFEST



Singing our hearts out

Around 70 people attended the HymnFest held at KURC on October 6th. Nearly half were in the joint choir which included singers from KURC, Kingston Methodist and New Malden Methodist Churches.

Peter Bullett (Director of Music at New Malden Methodist Church) led us in a wide range of hymns and songs from many centuries and countries. A music group from our church and Kingston Methodists led a half hour session on modern 'gospel' songs which everyone enjoyed. Peter led us in singing rounds and some songs in harmony and introduced us to several recently written hymns.

We're hoping that they will become part of our KURC repertoire and that this won't be the last HymnFest!

Liz Bartlett

A huge thank you to Liz and Sulhee for helping to organise this event!

Ed

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness The Haven

KCAH are running a night shelter for anyone in Kingston in need of sanctuary from the cold. More details below.

Open every night from 24th September 2018

the Haven

Sanctuary from the cold

On Mond, Tues, Thurs, Sat and Sundays *:

At Everyday Church

46 Union Street

Kingston, KT1 1RP

8pm-7.30am

***except 30 Oct and 11 Dec when at John Bunyan church instead**

On Wednesdays and Fridays:

At John Bunyan Baptist Church

26 Cromwell Road

Kingston, KT2 6RE

8pm-7.30am

Open to
anyone
in need of
shelter

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winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk

Media enquiries and donations such as
sleeping bags: camilla.w@kcah.org.uk

Worried about someone sleeping rough:
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Housing Advice surgery open M-F 10-13
www.kcah.org.uk
Reg. Charity No: 1075890

Alternative Christmas Card 2018 – in aid of



If you want to participate in the 2018 Alternative Christmas card, please use the envelope inserted in this month's Church News. There are full instructions inside the envelope.

All sealed envelopes containing labels and Christian Aid envelopes with your cash / cheque gift should be handed back to Denise or Barbara by **Sunday 25th November**.

If you receive Church News electronically, please ask Barbara or Denise for a pack:

Barbara Fielding (07872 071385) and Denise Scorer (07912 643870) and our address is 19 Montague Close, Walton on Thames, KT12 2NF.

When you run out of Christmas Gift ideas?

'Tis said, Christmas is a time for giving.' It's a lovely thought but it can bring a headache for some so here is an idea. If you have heard of 'Lendwithcare' then there is no need to read further.

Last Christmas my Sister sent me a gift voucher. It was not for me to go on a spending spree but to give to 'Lendwithcare.' The idea is that you choose an entrepreneur from a developing country and lend them the value of the voucher. It can be a small amount of money as it will be well used. There are approximately fifty people to choose from in different countries and the website tells you about the person and for what purpose they need the money to start or continue their business.

As you lend them the voucher, your contribution joins other lenders until the required amount is received. As the person uses the money to work their way out of poverty repayments are made to you.

You can either reinvest the money with the same entrepreneur or choose another as the first entrepreneur pays you back. My first payment was £1.80 so your voucher is paid back with what can be afforded. To redeem your voucher, visit 'Lendwithcare.org/redeem.'

In advance of Christmas, May God bless you and give you peace.

lendwithcare.org
Microloans from CARE International UK

Ann Macfarlane

KURC Christmas Day Meal

What are you doing on Christmas Day? Would you like to be part of and/or support the Christmas Day celebrations at KURC? What could **you** do to help this important event? Each one of us can do at least one of the following!

- Volunteer to be part of the organising group
- Think of people who may otherwise be alone and suggest they sign up
- Sign up yourself – the more the merrier!
- Put a green token in the “Isolation at Christmas” box in Waitrose Kingston
- Put a poster up in your place of work
- Help with the food or gift shopping before the day
- Offer to give someone a lift to and from the event (no public transport on Christmas Day)
- Help in the kitchen on the day
- Welcome guests when they arrive
- Help decorate the hall and set the tables
- Organise some fun activities
- Play an instrument or lead some carol singing
- Pray that the party goes with a swing!

For more info, speak to Lesley, Cathy or Catherine.

Tots' Praise is 3!



On the morning of Wednesday 3rd October, the KURC Tots' Praise held a special birthday celebration. As well as praise, there were games, balloons and nice things to eat, including birthday cake of course! It was lovely to see Ted Bellingham who came to celebrate with us.

Thanks to Sally and everyone else involved. Here's to many more years of Tots' Praise.

Glyn Robinson

In Memoriam

AN ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION

in Words and Music

**Thursday 8th November
at 12.30pm**

Julia Dewhurst – SOPRANO

David Elwin – PIANO

John Dewhurst – READER



**Kingston United Reformed Church
Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1HZ**



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‘An instrument of considerable historic and musical interest’

That was the opinion of the URC’s Musicians Guild who inspected our organ a few years ago. The organ in Kingston URC is almost 150 years old, yet the instrument we see and hear today bears very little resemblance to what was installed in 1871 by a firm called Bevington at a cost of £350 (£30,000 in today’s money). Organs are unique among musical instruments in that one can improve them by adding, removing, or rearranging components, and ours is no exception.

The original organ was located at the back of the gallery; it had only two manuals (ie keyboards), mechanical action (no electrics) and had to be pumped by hand. The organ blower, Mr Biggs, was paid £2 per annum! It can’t have made a very impressive sound yet it was used to accompany a performance of ‘Elijah’ in 1908.

In the early 20th century it began to develop faults and the congregation decided it was time to ‘improve’ it. A firm called Slaters moved the organ to the north-east corner of the sanctuary, gave it a new case, added extra notes, stops and pistons, a swell pedal, and most important of all, ‘tubular pneumatic action with an electric blower’. The Surrey Comet reported: ‘far more money has been expended than the organ cost originally, and it now ranks among the best in quality and tone in the neighbourhood’. Ten years later a ‘Choir division’ and a third manual were added at a cost of £27,000 in today’s money, an expense only narrowly approved by church meeting.

By 1960 when Vincent Waterhouse (later Clerk of the Royal College of Organists) was our organist, the instrument was beginning to fall apart. A special church meeting, attended by 250 members (*yes two hundred and fifty*), was held to decide its future. They voted almost unanimously to rebuild the organ at a cost of £80,000 in today’s money. This project involved moving the console to a new position in a pit at the front of the congregation, which gave the organist a much better view of the choir and minister. (The console didn’t rise up out of the ground like a 1930’s cinema organ, however!) One notable addition was the impressive trumpet stop. The organ builders said the instrument would be ‘good for another 70 years.’

In 1975 the whole of the sanctuary was gutted: pews, carpets and curtains were removed and the acoustics were transformed from very dull to very lively. The opportunity was taken to move the choir organ to a new gallery on the foyer side, to allow better access to the main organ chamber. The overall effect was to make the organ sound much bigger and brighter (and stereophonic!)

Well, 70 years is not quite upon us but hidden weaknesses are becoming increasingly apparent: rotting of the many leather parts, unreliable electrical contacts, splits in the bellows, cracks in the woodwork and ‘cyphers’ (that’s

notes that play when you don't want them to). There are several options before us, but the essential starting point is access to a comprehensive history of the organ, which I'm pleased to say has now been compiled. If anyone would like to read it, please see me.

Incidentally, the church archives contain a tape recording (now transferred to CD) of a service in 1956, so it is possible to compare how the organ sounded then and now. It is quite a contrast. No wax cylinder recordings of the original instrument have survived, regrettably!

John Fisher



Left:

The restored and enlarged organ in the 1920s.

Below:

The relocated organ console in the 1960's, being played by Tony's predecessor, Ken Down. Can you recognise whose wedding he was playing for?

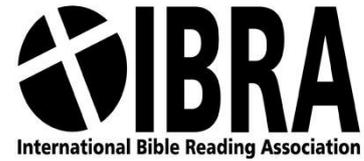


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International Bible Reading Association - IBRA

The readings for November 2018 are reproduced below.

The list may also be downloaded at from the IBRA website at: www.ibraglobal.org



Readings in Mark

Thursday 1 November	Psalm 43
Friday 2 November	Mark 14:10–31
Saturday 3 November	Mark 14:32–42
Sunday 4 November	Mark 14:43–52
Monday 5 November	Mark 14:66–72
Tuesday 6 November	Mark 15:1–15
Wednesday 7 November	Psalm 70
Thursday 8 November	Mark 15:33–41
Friday 9 November	Mark 15:42–47
Saturday 10 November	Mark 16:1–8

Held in God's hand

1 Remembrance

Sunday 11 November	Luke 22:14–20
Monday 12 November	Exodus 12:21–28
Tuesday 13 November	Isaiah 46:8–11
Wednesday 14 November	Psalm 103:1–14
Thursday 15 November	Ecclesiastes 12:1–7
Friday 16 November	Deuteronomy 26:1–11
Saturday 17 November	Isaiah 51:1–3

2 Letting go

Sunday 18 November	Philippians 3:12–16
Monday 19 November	Matthew 6:25–34
Tuesday 20 November	Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
Wednesday 21 November	Isaiah 65:17–25
Thursday 22 November	Jeremiah 31:31–34
Friday 23 November	Psalm 95
Saturday 24 November	Luke 23:44–46

3 A future and a hope

Sunday 25 November	Isaiah 40:1–5
Monday 26 November	Isaiah 52:7–10
Tuesday 27 November	Jeremiah 29:10–14
Wednesday 28 November	Psalm 30
Thursday 29 November	2 Thessalonians 2:13–17
Friday 30 November	Revelation 21:1–4

South Oxley Community Choir 10th anniversary celebration



On 13 October we had an evening's concert by the South Oxley Community Choir. The choir was founded, and became famous for, its appearances on TV in the series *The Choir - unsung town*, under the baton of Gareth Malone in 2009. Shortly after this Gareth moved on to other choral things, and his assistant director, Simon Wookey, took over as musical director of the choir. Simon is the son-in-law of Tony and Steve Wenman. He knew what a lovely building our church is for musicians to perform in, especially singers, and when the choir started planning its 10th anniversary, Simon encouraged the idea of a trip on the Thames being linked with a concert at KURC.

The choir spent the morning on the river between Teddington Lock and Hampton Court and, in the afternoon, came to the Mayo Hall for a light birthday tea. Thereafter they went into the church to organise staging and seating and rehearse their programme which was varied and, above all, most enjoyable. Music included, among several pieces: *Starmaker* - from the Kids from Fame; *The Rhythm of Life* - from Sweet Charity; *Hallelujah* by Leonard Cohen; *Nkosi Sikeleli* - an African National Anthem; and *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart. Nicola Wookey sang *Music for a while* by Henry Purcell and Simon Wookey sang *Where'ere you walk* by Handel. The whole evening was enjoyed by singers and audience alike and the choir members said they would like to come back and sing in our lovely church again. We should be glad to welcome them.

It is worth noting that a number of choir members also spoke of their amazement at the variety of activities that go on in our church. It was clear to them that our premises were not just for Sunday worship but as a service to the community.

Thank you South Oxley Community Choir. Come again, please.

Tony Wenman

Thoughts on Prayer

- "I would rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach."
Charles Spurgeon
- "The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history."
Andrew Murray
- "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties."
Oswald Chambers
- "There is no other activity in life so important as that of prayer. Every other activity depends upon prayer for its best efficiency."
M.E. Andross
- "He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day."
John Bunyan
- "Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet." E. M. Bounds*
- "We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring it's power down to earth."
Andrew Murray
- "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His' voice in the depth of our hearts."
Mother Teresa
- "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."
C.S. Lewis
- "The more you pray, the less you'll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured."
Rick Warren
- "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."
Martin Luther
- "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."
Oswald Chambers
- "He who kneels the most, stands the best."
D.L. Moody

Feel free to encourage others to pray by sharing this fact.

PRAYER IS THE MASTER KEY

Natasha Reid

Regular Activities

Sunday:

15.30 Messy Church (monthly – for dates see Worship Diary on Page 3)

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)

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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)

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, 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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