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CHURCH NEWS

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Kingston United Reformed Church

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**Your mind is
a garden. Your thoughts
are the seeds. You can
grow flowers or you can
grow weeds.**



A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine to come and share in our services and activities, both in the building and on Zoom.

Our Sunday Services:

10.00 Worship also livestreamed (with holy communion on the 1st Sunday monthly)

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

17.00 Reflective Worship (with holy 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.

14.00 Messy Church this is held monthly, but Sundays vary. Email Sally Butler youth@kingstonurc.org

Tea and Coffee are served between the 10.00 and 11.30 services and before the 10.30 service on the second Sunday.

During the 10.00, 10.30 and 11.30 services there are group activities for children of all ages.

Weekly:

Monday

10.00 Jolly Toddlers (term time only)

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

12.30 Community Lunch

Tuesday

10.00 Prayers on zoom

Wednesday

10.00 Tots' Praise

10.00 Prayers on zoom

Thursday

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

20.00 The Thursday club on zoom

Friday

10.00 Prayers on zoom

Saturday

10.00 Prayers on zoom

Monthly

1st Tuesday: 19.30 Elders' meeting

2nd Sunday: 11.30 Church meeting

3rd Saturday: 14.00 Crafternoon

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

Our Foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from 11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea.

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

Events coming up:

Saturday 13 July – church BBQ

Sunday 14 July – KURC Gift Day

Saturday 10 August – KURC day at the seaside, this year at Worthing.

Please also remember to read the weekly notices emailed out on a Friday or printed copy in church.

To make a financial donation to Kingston URC, please see the final page

Letter from Lesley

Dear All,



In Kingston URC we believe in the importance of prayer. We show this not only by what we say but also by what we do.

Every day at 10.00 on zoom there are prayers. The leader opens in prayer. We read the bible together. Talk about the passage and then spend a time in prayer.

Heartfelt thanks to those who lead it.

This is a great blessing to the Church.

Thanks to Ann, Cathy, Janine, Julian, Maddie and Sue for leading so faithfully. Those of us who join in are very grateful.

Also 5 days a week a prayer pops into our inbox.

These prayers are collected and sent out by Teresa James.

Thank you to Teresa for this quiet and important ministry. It reminds us of whose we are and in whose context we live our lives.

Thank you.

If you have not received the prayers or tried the daily gathering, they are available for everyone.

You would be most welcome.....every now and then someone is eating their breakfast or someone is still in bed...that is OK .

Come.

Best wishes,

Lesley

Prayer for church growth

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to You,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dear All,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for the air I breathe. Thank you for my breakfast.

Thank you for the tea and the milk that went in it.

Thank you for my newspaper. Thank you for those who put themselves at risk to gather the news.

Thank you for the stories of people around the world trying to look after their children and do the best they can.

Thank you for the clean water in my taps and the warmth of the water.

Thank you for those protesting about the water that is not clean. Thank you for campaigners who are braver and more focussed than me.

Thank you for the people I have already met with today. It has not been many but for each of them I thank you.

Thank you for the music on the radio. Thank you for the song writers, composers, producers and arrangers. Thank you

Thank you for the weather in this land. Temperate usually. Thank you.

Thank you for the colours of nature.

Thank you for the internet.

Thank you for the telly

Thank you for those who care for me and care about me.

Thank you for politicians trying their best.

Thank you for love that we see around us.

Thank you for the care of people for those who are vulnerable and need it.

And above all else thank you for your love for me...and forgive me that I often am slow to say thank you and quick to ask for more.

Yours

Lesley

Dear All.

KURC Gift Weekend, Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 July 2024

We would like to invite you to be part of our not-to-be-missed KURC Gift Weekend. This is being held to inaugurate a new era for KURC and to help secure the future of the church, its mission and its community.

It will be a weekend during which we will have a lot to be thankful for and to celebrate, such as:

- Suk In Lee's welcome return to his leading role in our church;
- Carol Clack's impending ordination as a URC minister and her future work with us;
- the extensive refurbishment programme planned for our building, which will help strengthen the framework for KURC's Christian mission and outreach in the heart of the town.

But this weekend, as the name suggests, is also all about giving – showing our generosity by contributing towards the building blocks, such as those listed above, which are central to what we see as God's plan for our future. KURC's mission and work are a cause that is close to many of our hearts, but to secure it we need your financial help. Every gift, large or small, will be much appreciated.

The outline program for the weekend is as follows:

Saturday 13 July: BBQ at Suk In's manse in New Malden from 12.00

Sunday 14 July: Gift services at KURC at the regular times of 10.30 and 5pm

Gifts: cash/cheques and electronic gifts/pledges will all be accepted at all these events

Further details to follow as the weekend approaches. But please do reserve the dates NOW.

We very much look forward to seeing you at these events.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,

Yours, Lesley

Cathy's Conversation



KURC is place of many opportunities to meet and get to know each other and we are grateful for this.

At the June meal sharing church meeting we thought about how we might better learn each other's names and how to say them.

Some of us find it easy to introduce ourselves and some of don't. Some of us find easy to ask someone their name and some of us don't. A season of wearing name labels will probably help. The times when all our members and friends meet in that same place at the same time are likely to be very rare and perhaps not achievable.

But that does not mean that we do not meet. Nor that different groups are exclusive. I have been taken by a quote from the book *My Palestine* by Mohammad Tarbush:

“They were united by their differences and enriched by that diversity.”

Opportunities to get together over the summer months include, two or three worship services each Sunday, Crafternoons, Messy Church, spending time in the foyer during the week, joining in with the regular children's activities, being involved in Monday meals, Thursday evening social on zoom - to name a few.

Then there is the day trip to the seaside at Worthing on Saturday 10th August.

I pray that you have good summer times and that you will feel enriched by the people you meet.

Cathy

Trip to the seaside



Where: **Worthing Beach**

When: **Saturday 10th August**

Cost: **£13.50 per person.**

Payment will be required at the time of booking; this can be done in cash or via the card machine.

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Please book with Catherine in the office. Stories from Sally

Our first Youth Café outing was to Berrylands Nature Reserve to meet with Elliott Newton, the Council's Biodiversity Officer. He gave an engaging talk about wildlife in the Borough and then we got to see what was in the pond, after pond dipping! We managed to see a Smooth Newt which was great. Then we went on a walk to the bird hide and did some bird watching. After this we went for a walk along the Hogsmill River to search out Water Vole footprints and slow worms – Elliott found the latter but it slipped away before he could pick it up to show us!!

A hot sunny day on which we tried to encourage interest in biodiversity and conservation, following a few sessions at the church, where we had looked at God's view of creation.

Sally



Reminder:
Copy for the next (September) edition of
Church News should reach Jean Thompson by
Friday 9th August.

Pastoral News

*Out of care for people's privacy,
names are not included
in the Pastoral News section of the
online Church News*

Several people in our church are undergoing investigations/ treatment for various illnesses. We pray for the wellbeing of our congregation. We remember all on our prayer list.

God of love, make us lovely in ways that Jesus came to teach and show us. When one door closes we know you offer new opportunities. Give us courage to make changes that will enhance our wellbeing and make us faithful disciples. Amen

Ann Macfarlane

Commitment
for **Life**

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

Prayer for Bangladesh

By the Revd Margaret Nilanjana Ali

Dear God, We pray for Bangladesh, a country that is bursting at the seams with more than 169 million people crammed within its borders. We continue to remember

Bangladesh in our prayers fervently. Because of its location between the foothills of the Himalayas to the north and the Bay of Bengal to the south, Bangladesh is prone to natural disasters. Monsoon flooding is almost an annual event, and storms and cyclones routinely make life miserable for the people of this country. Corruption is endemic and deeply rooted, so we pray for just, transparent and effective governance. We pray for the binding of the powers of darkness operating in religious, social and ethnic realms. We pray that constitutional freedom allowing all to practise and propagate their own religions might be maintained. Amen

Flower rota for July

Sunday 7 July	Jean Hughes (Lesley's mum)
Sunday 14 July	Jen Milner
Sunday 21 July	
Sunday 28 July	Brenda Parkins



Flower rota for August

Sunday 4 August	
Sunday 11 August	
Sunday 18 August	
Sunday 25 August	Teresa & Vaughan James



If anyone would like to donate flowers, please let Janine know.



Eco tip for JULY

JULY Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers. **AUGUST** Assist local wildlife during very hot weather. Provide hedgehogs with hedgehog biscuits (available at many pet stores and online) or dog biscuits (small/crumbed) as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes, and ensure a safe exit for them and other small mammals if you have a garden pond. Help garden birds by maintaining a filled bird bath and supplying supplementary food including black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins, currants, mealworms, waxworms, and a nutritious seed mixture, when natural supplies become scarce. More tips can be found at arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlifeinthe-heat/



Eco tip for AUGUST

Help birds in hot weather. Keeping your bird bath topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends. Get your garden birds through a heatwave when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce, by putting out supplementary food - black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms and good seed mixture.

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

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Churches Together in England is the national ecumenical instrument supporting and encouraging churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

With churches drawn from the Anglican, Catholic, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Orthodox and Lutheran traditions, as well as Free Churches, Quakers and others, we unite one of the broadest range of churches in the whole of Europe.

More locally Churches Together in South London's Ecumenical Officer keeps in touch with what is happening in South London area and organises theme-based gatherings for Church leaders and representatives from local churches and Christian organisations working in their community. (As KURC Rep I (Teresa James) have attended several of these gatherings)

Leaders and representatives from local churches and Christian organisations meet regularly. We are fortunate in Kingston that the ecumenical interdenominational spirit which set up, for instance, Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and Oxygen, flourishes. Thank God. P.S. Kingston United Reformed Church is also part of the long established Local Ecumenical Project with All Saints Church.

The South London most recent meeting focussed on Mental Health, to see how churches are working together and discussing ways to resource mental wellbeing in our communities, especially with and for young people. Groups considered the key mental health priorities for churches in South London, and learned about Trail, Sanctuary's new course for young people.

Previous meetings focussed on how churches are working together to tackle serious youth violence which has claimed so many young lives in London this year already. Another shared theological and practical ideas to address both the weather extremes here in London and also the even more serious global issue.

The former included a GLA representative explained about London's Cool Spaces map [GLA Cool Spaces map](#) and Climate Risk Map (Heat and Flood risk) [GLA Climate Risk Map](#) map and someone from Christian Climate Action CCA website: christianclimateaction.org talking about events – protests and vigils outside parliament, Shell and other venues around the country.

We want to start a **film group** to help people learn about British culture. The plan is to watch a specific film at your leisure and then to talk together about it.

The films to be chosen will all be British and have themes that we can talk about. Would you be up for driving this? The conversation could be done on zoom.

Thanks
Lesley

Children and Youth Friendly Church – 2024-2029!

On Sunday 16th June, Tom Hackett, Children and Youth Development Officer for the Southern Synod, visited us to present us with a plaque and certificate. This is because we have been recognised as a Children and Youth Friendly Church. This is a result of more than a year of meeting with representatives from this church (a “grand-parent aged” rep, parents, young people and also one of our Childminders who comes to both Jolly Toddlers and Tots’ Praise). Bron helped with some of the strategic work.

We considered different aspects of our work including worship, spirituality, mission, vision and values. At the end of all this, we have three priorities going forward, on which to plan future activities.



1. To create an all-age community that is accessible and mutually beneficial to all, including to non-English speakers
2. To encourage and support families in spiritual development in their own contexts
3. To engage C&YP in ECO Church related projects.

Presentation of the plaque and certificate!

We hope that everyone will see that it is up to all of us to contribute to welcoming children and young people, listening to their views and enabling them to feel comfortable in this church. This will greatly help them to discover more of God’s love for them.

The plaque will be on display in our foyer by the door to the Sanctuary. A huge thanks to anyone who was involved in this achievement!

Sally Butler

Note from Bron – Youth Elder

Thank you to Sally, So Young and all the Youth team and volunteers for everything they do to support the children, young people and families in our church family and the wider Kingston community. Also, thanks to everyone who works in the building, volunteers on the coffee bar, spends time in the foyer, worships on a Sunday for your welcome – the in-the-week parents often mention how they really appreciate the way you all say hello to the children and chat to them.

Archive of the month

June Davis (1 June 1927 – 26 May 2024)

June was associated with our church for 80 years and a member for almost as long. The daughter of an undertaker, during her childhood she lived with her parents in a flat above Hide's department store in the marketplace. She joined in youth activities at nearby Kingston Congregational Church (as KURC then was) and became a keen soprano in the church choir, singing anthems at every morning and evening service. She remained a faithful member of the choir until the 1980s. She met her husband Cecil at KCC and they were married in our church in September 1956. They had two daughters, Susan and Coral. For several decades June and Cecil ran the KCC/KURC Friendship Council, which kept a close pastoral eye on members through a network of Church Neighbours. June regularly helped on the coffee bar from the late 1970s onwards and was assiduous in washing, starching and ironing the church communion linen each week. She remained remarkably fit and active well into her 80s, playing tennis and badminton at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church.

This month's archive photo shows our church choir in about 1949. June can be seen in the front row, second from the right. In the middle of the front row is the organist and choirmaster, Eddie Thorogood, Steve Wenman's uncle.

JF





Howard Somervell: Mountaineer and Medical Missionary

Howard Somervell (born 1890) was a British surgeon and mountaineer who, exactly one hundred years ago, attempted to become the first person to climb Mount Everest. He didn't quite make it, but during his travels to and from the Himalayas he became aware of the Indian population's appalling health problems and the grim state of their hospitals. This persuaded him to join the London Missionary Society and spend the rest of his working life as a medical missionary in south India, where he was greatly revered and became known as the 'Albert Schweitzer of India'.

Brought up in the Lake District where he developed a passion for climbing, he became a Christian at university and then trained as a doctor. His horrendous experiences as an army surgeon during the Battle of the Somme persuaded him to become a pacifist. He was chosen to be a member of the 1924 British team aiming to climb Everest for the first time. On June 8th two fellow climbers, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, made an attempt on the summit from a camp just a few hundred feet below. They disappeared into the clouds and never returned. To this day we do not know if they reached the top. A few days previously, Howard Somervell and Edward Norton had set off from the same camp. After a few hours they realised that the weather was against them and reluctantly decided to turn back. Somervell's throat froze on the way down and he very nearly choked to death.

Howard Somervell then spent the next 40 years of his life doing what he could to improve health care in India. Initially he worked at the London Missionary Society's Hospital at Kundara. He pioneered treatments for leprosy - at that time regarded as incurable. He later became professor of surgery at the great Christian medical college and hospital at Vellore and is remembered to this day for his devotion and achievements. Following his death in 1975 a teaching hospital at Trivandrum was named 'The Dr Somervell Memorial Church of South India Medical College'.

JF

I recently noticed that a **‘Cornus Kousa’** (or ‘Korean dogwood’ tree) has been planted near the café on the Queen’s Promenade, Surbiton. It has three flowers and is clearly struggling to survive. Then last week I spotted a fully mature and exceptionally healthy Korean dogwood at Wisley Gardens: this magnificent specimen is covered in so many white flowers that it resembles a breaking tidal wave. Perhaps the Surbiton dogwood will one day come to look as strong and beautiful? ‘God, you planted in each of us the seeds of your Kingdom. You nurture us. We pray that the seed will be fruitful and grow big and strong’ (KURC Sunday service 16 June).

JF



STAYING SAFE ONLINE

These days it's difficult to know how to stay safe and protected when online.

An organization, backed by the Government, has developed a series of tools and techniques to help us stay safe online – whether browsing the Internet, reading emails, using other software or other computer-based activity.

This organization has a brilliant website – getsafeonline.org, which I recommend you visit, full of helpful information on precisely how you navigate the online world safely and securely.

Their below tips give some useful advice which you can adopt straight away:



Don't be a victim: simple steps to Get Safe Online

- **PUT A PIN ON IT:** Whether it's a phone, website or a social media account, your first line of defense is a PIN or password. Never use the same password, make sure it is hard to guess (don't use your pet's name, your birthday or your favourite football team) and never share your passwords with anyone.
- **BE SOFTWARE SAVVY:** Protect all your devices with anti-virus software and make sure you regularly install updates to *any* programs or apps, as they often include improved security settings.
- **KEEP IT PRIVATE:** Check the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts so that only the people you want to share your information with can see it.
- **SECURE THE WIFI:** Make sure your home WiFi is protected with a strong password that only you and your family know. When out and about never use a hotspot that may be unsecured, especially when what you're doing is personal or private.
- **LOOK FOR THE PADLOCK:** When shopping or banking online always check there is a padlock symbol in the web browser window when you have logged in or registered, and that the web address begins with 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'.

- **BID SMARTLY:** When using an auction site, make sure you never transfer any money directly to a bank account or hand over any personal details. If you're thinking of making a big purchase like a car, or finding somewhere to live, always make sure it exists and is genuine.
- **LOG-OUT/LOG-OFF:** Always make sure you log out of your accounts when you've finished with them and log off a computer when you've finished using it.
- **POST IN HASTE, REPENT AT LEISURE:** What goes online stays online so never say anything that could hurt, anger or endanger yourself or someone else.
- **MANAGE YOUR MESSAGES:** Never open or forward a suspicious looking email, or respond to a social media message from someone you don't know.

If you'd like to know more, please let me know or visit their website – they are a very helpful and friendly team.

Stuart Chandler, May 2024

Crafternoons 2024

June 15 th	Unfortunately this has been cancelled
July 20 th	Camera Capers
August 31 st	Jewellery Making
September 21 st	Spring is around the corner!
October 19 th	Crafty Toilet Twinning!!
November 16 th	A recycled Christmas
December 21 st	Body Art

Saturdays 2-5pm

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£3 per person or £5 per family

Tea, cake and conversation included

For more details speak to Carol Clack or Sally Butler

“Gordon's story”: read at his Memorial Service, 24 May 2024

Much of what follows was written by Gordon himself, with some additions from his family, from stories he told us about his life.

Gordon Bewicke Moore was born in August 1921 in Gateshead, County Durham. He never really came to terms with the new region called Tyne and Wear in which Gateshead now falls, but he was always very proud of his Geordie heritage. He grew up with his parents, older sister Kathleen and younger brother Ronnie, together with his grandfather who lived with them. His middle name, Bewicke, was his father's mother's surname, and a source of pride as his family believed they were related to the famous wood engraver, Thomas Bewick.

Many household innovations happened in his childhood. Electricity was installed at home, and they were one of the first in their street to have a telephone and a vacuum cleaner. They had their first radio – a crystal set – in the early 1920s. It needed headphones, so only one person could listen at a time and the reception was very poor. In about 1927, they got a valve set which was a revelation as the reception was better and it had a loudspeaker, so the whole family could listen at once. He said it transformed their evenings.

In 1937, Gordon gained a School Certificate with Matriculation. He had one year in 6th form studying for the Civil Service entrance examination which he passed and left school in July 1938. In September he was posted to London to work in the Tithe Redemption Commission, a small relatively unknown government department based in Finsbury Square. So at age 17, he left home and moved south, a huge step for him. He stayed initially with elderly relatives in Lewisham, but after the outbreak of the war in September 1939 they left London, and Gordon moved into lodgings with work colleagues. They coped with all the trauma and travel problems caused by the blitz. Sometimes getting to work took ages because there might be no trains or buses, or maybe a bridge had been bombed.

A month after his 20th birthday in September 1941, Gordon joined the Royal Air Force. He trained as a radio operator using morse code and served in various locations in the UK including 12 months at Lossiemouth in northern Scotland, before being transferred overseas in May 1943. He left from Greenock, not knowing his final destination until the boat had crossed the Atlantic in a convoy, turned south, then back across the Atlantic to the coast of Morocco and into the Mediterranean. He served firstly in Algeria and Tunisia followed by two and a half years in southern Italy and was there when both VE Day and VJ Day were celebrated.

Gordon lived in south-east London again after the war and, through mutual friends, affectionately known as 'The Gang', he met Rosemary who was working at the Bank of England in the City. Regular activities with the Gang included ice skating at the Queens Ice Rink (long since demolished) and sailing holidays on the Norfolk Broads. Together they had many visits to the Old Vic, the City Literary Institute and numerous Lyons Corner houses.

They married in September 1953 and settled immediately in Kingston from where they never moved. By the end of 1964 four daughters had arrived, they had moved into a larger house in Latchmere Road, and the meaning of family life had become a reality!

As the children grew up, Gordon and Rosemary took up the challenge of gardening, which was absolutely new to Gordon. He took on an allotment behind their first house in Cardinal Avenue. Over the years they achieved some success, and much satisfaction, growing flowers, vegetables and soft fruit. Gordon had a particular skill with chrysanthemums and dahlias. He was still working on the small allotment in Park Road past his 90th birthday and raspberries were their particular favourite.

Gordon followed many sports. He had played cricket, rugby and soccer at school, and later, in London, tennis and golf. But he followed Association Football in particular. He had supported both Newcastle United and Gateshead AFC from about 1930 but after 1938 he was only able to watch them when they visited London clubs (not all that often for Gateshead!) Because of his father's membership of Durham FA committee, he was able to get tickets for most of the big matches at Wembley Stadium and he saw all the FA Cup Finals and most international matches between 1947 and 1962, the year that his father died. He continued to follow the fortunes of both clubs and the league tables until the end of his life. He was greatly cheered by Newcastle's 4-0 defeat of Spurs just a few days before he died.



Gordon and Rosemary had become members of the URC (then the Congregational Church) in about 1974 and took part in various church activities, making many good friends here, some of whom stayed with Rosemary and Gordon when needing a base in Kingston. In 1984, not long after his retirement, Gordon started his involvement with the church finances which continued in one role or another until 2011. He also did regular evening stewarding duties for nearly 30 years and in later years he especially enjoyed the London walks led by Peter Ashdown. He was happy to be able to get to regular Sunday worship until his late nineties.

2021 brought two milestones in Gordon's life. Rosemary died in July, and in the August he celebrated his 100th birthday, complete with card from the Queen

Many tributes have commented that he was a modest, kind and gentle man. And he had a wonderfully dry sense of humour. At a family gathering for his 88th birthday he remarked, jokingly, "I'm surprised no one has bought me a 10 year diary!" What he didn't know then, but would have enjoyed very much, is that he could have put one to good use! Dad's own conclusion to his story sums it up: "All in all, a good, happy life!"

Three musical events

On Wednesday June 26th at 11.15am the K3A Orchestra will be giving their annual summer concert in our sanctuary. The K3AO was founded over ten years ago by Liz Bartlett. They rehearse each week in our church with a professional conductor and are going from strength to strength. Their programme will include music from *Star Wars*, a Mozart overture, Albinoni's famous adagio for organ and strings, Faure's Pavane and more! Admission is free with a retiring collection.

On Wednesday July 3rd (NB **not** Thursday 4th as previously advertised) Anthea Fry will be giving a piano recital in our sanctuary. The recital begins at 12.30pm and is free, with a retiring collection. Anthea was a prize-winning student at the Royal Academy of Music and has played at the Wigmore Hall, the South Bank and many venues abroad. She also plays viola in the K3A orchestra. Her programme will consist of four sets of variations – by Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and Mendelssohn. On Saturday July 6th from 10am to 3pm there is to be an 'Organ Roadshow' in our sanctuary. This is being organised by Church Organ World, the company who installed the Makin digital organ that we acquired in 2021. The purpose of this event (one of several being held around the country during the summer) is to demonstrate the sound and capabilities of our organ, and to give the public a chance to try out some smaller digital organs, suitable for the home. Do come along and see what's going on...

JF

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Can you help serve tea and wash/wipe up?

Can you press a button on a computer?!! (Operating Powerpoint - Training given!)

Tots Praise - Wednesdays 10 - 12

Please speak to Sally ASAP!

Accommodation Required: Someone within our church community is looking for accommodation in the Ham area, close to the Grey court school. If anyone knows of a 2-bedroom flat that would be available, please speak to Catherine in the office.

Congratulations to **Jenna Treweek** who has obtained her **post graduate certificate in Education** along with **Qualified Teacher Status**.



Readings for July

Monday 1 July	Ezekiel 33:1-7
Tuesday 2 July	Romans 10:5-13
Wednesday 3 July	Numbers 35:9-15
Thursday 4 July	Micah 6:1-16
Friday 5 July	2 Samuel 12:1-15
Saturday 6 July	John 8:1-11

2 Justice

Sunday 7 July	2 Chronicles 16:7-10
Monday 8 July	Philemon 1:8-17
Tuesday 9 July	Luke 10:30-37
Wednesday 10 July	Galatians 3:23-29
Thursday 11 July	2 Samuel 13:1-22
Friday 12 July	Genesis 37:17b-28
Saturday 13 July	Exodus 18:13-23

ARTS IN THE BIBLE (2)

Dance

Sunday 14 July	Exodus 15
Monday 15 July	2 Samuel 6:1-15
Tuesday 16 July	Psalms 30:1-12
Wednesday 17 July	Psalms 150
Thursday 18 July	Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
Friday 19 July	Jeremiah 31:1-13
Saturday 20 July	Luke 7:29-35

PHILIPPIANS - JOY AND UNITY IN CHRIST

Sunday 21 July	Philippians 1:1-11
Monday 22 July	Philippians 1:12-30
Tuesday 23 July	Philippians 2:1-18
Wednesday 24 July	Philippians 2:19-30
Thursday 25 July	Philippians 3:1-11
Friday 26 July	Philippians 3:12-4:1
Saturday 27 July	Philippians 4:2-23

NAHUM AND OBADIAH

Sunday 28 July	Nahum 1:1-11
Monday 29 July	Nahum 1:12-15
Tuesday 30 July	Nahum 2:1-13
Wednesday 31 July	Nahum 3:1-13





Readings for August

Thursday 1 August	Nahum 3:14-19
Friday 2 August	Obadiah 1:1-9
Saturday 3 August	Obadiah 1:10-21

CREATION

1 Choosing how we live within God's creation

Sunday 4 August	Genesis 1:9-13
Monday 5 August	Genesis 1:26-31
Tuesday 6 August	Genesis 6:11-22
Wednesday 7 August	Genesis 8:13-22
Thursday 8 August	Jeremiah 14:1-7
Friday 9 August	Exodus 23:1-12
Saturday 10 August	Romans 8:18-25

2 Climate justice

Sunday 11 August	Genesis 26:17-22
Monday 12 August	John 3:11-21
Tuesday 13 August	Matthew 10:28-31
Wednesday 14 August	Deuteronomy 25:1-10
Thursday 15 August	Matthew 24:1-8
Friday 16 August	Isaiah 65:17-25
Saturday 17 August	Revelation 21:9-27

TRAVELLING

1 People on the move

Sunday 18 August	Genesis 3:22-24
Monday 19 August	Genesis 12:1-9
Tuesday 20 August	Exodus 14:10-29
Wednesday 21 August	Joshua 3:14-17
Thursday 22 August	Ruth 1:1-19a
Friday 23 August	Jeremiah 29.1-14
Saturday 24 August	Ezra 1

2 God's travel directions

Sunday 25 August	Jonah 1:1-17
Monday 26 August	Jonah 2:1 – 3:3a
Tuesday 27 August	Matthew 2:1-12
Wednesday 28 August	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Thursday 29 August	Luke 24:13-35
Friday 30 August	Acts 8:1a-8
Saturday 31 August	Acts 16:6-10

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