

CHURCH NEWS

Kingston United Reformed Church

SEPTEMBER 2024



Worthing, 10. 8.24.

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 live-streamed (with Communion first Sunday monthly)

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

17.00 – 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

14.00 – Messy Church (monthly, but Sundays vary) e-mail 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 (during school terms)
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 to look out for in September & October 2024:

Sunday, 8 Sept. 11.30 KURC Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 13 Oct. 10.30 Harvest Festival – details to follow

Please also see the e-mailed Weekly Notices.

LESLEY'S LETTER



Dear All,

It's all about Grace. The question is, do we love God just for being God, or do we use God for our purposes? Are we interested in God, or is it really all about us? Is our faith life a transaction? I worship you and you look after me. That question is pertinent for us as individuals and also as a community. When bad things happen, is it that God has let us down? God has gone against our bargain? Or is it possible that there is mystery and we do not know

everything?

When bad things happen, do we want to give up on God? Give up on our church life? Why?

In the book of Job the devil is wandering round the world. He spots Job. God tells the devil that Job is a great man and a faithful one. The devil disputes it. He makes it clear that Job is only interested in God because his life is so blessed. He is a rich man with loads of animals, a generous extended family and an organised pattern of worship. The devil makes it clear that the relationship Job has with God is all about Job worshipping because of what God will do for him. You probably know what happens next. Job goes through a time of death to his family, his business and his health. He is encouraged by his friends to curse God and die. Job ignores them. He declares he has not done anything wrong and Job waits. He makes it clear he is not finding the situation easy. He also lets God know he does not understand. But he sticks with God. At the end of the book God shows up. God raises questions with Job. He does not give him answers. It is clear that for many of the big questions Job does not understand. Yet he worships God.

For people like us, it is hard not to understand something. We are brought up to believe we can know the answer if we work hard enough at it.

Job falls down and confesses that he has spoken of things he did not know. He did not understand, but he did not curse God. He did not abandon relationship with God.

The thundering God says, in effect, 'who do you think you are to question me?'

Many have had the experience of people getting friendly with them because of what they have to offer rather than who they are. They think relationships with us will open doors for them, whether in terms of work or introductions to other people. Do you ever wonder how it feels to God that we love God only because we believe, if we follow Jesus, life will be easier?

We love God. We do what we discern to be God’s will just because it is right and we want to do it. Sometimes we will know blessings and life will be joyous, and sometimes life will be tough. Often we will not understand, but that does not mean that God is not still with us. ***Yours, Lesley***



Word of Warning/Advice/Request for help

If you usually get your daily prayer, weekly sermon and notices on WhatsApp, **this is a notice for your attention.** Please pass on to others as is appropriate.

Every now and then, for no apparent reason, the app stops sending to certain individuals. We cannot work out why this is. If it happens to you, please tell us and we will take you off and put you on again, which has been known to work.

If you have any bright ideas about why this is happening, please let us know. ***Thanks, Lesley***



TAXIS

There is a certain demographic of people for whom using a taxi is the same as wearing a fur coat and drinking champagne. It is a ridiculous waste of money and no proper Christian should do it.

It is a waste. Get on the bus. Drive your car. However

There are times when you are ill, or have a big bag, or the years are beginning to tell and the taxi is the right solution.

There are times when you feel trapped at home and, if you booked a taxi, you could catch up with friends, go to a concert, go for a drive in the country, go out for a meal, or come into the church building.

Please reflect on why you would rather not go to an event and stay miserable at home, rather than get a cab. It is not a ridiculous waste of money if it keeps you in the flow of life.

Lesley

--ooOoo--

CHURCH SECRETARY'S CHAT



As you read this, some of our young people will have received their GCSE and A level results. We hope that they have achieved enough to go forward to their choices. Our even younger children will be starting their new classes, teachers and even new schools. We hope that they can settle in well. September is a time of change for all children, and let's not forget those who will be starting school for the first time.

It is also a time of change for all parents and those involved in education. Here at KURC, it is also a new season for our children's services and activities. Please pray for Sally, So Young and the volunteers, and remember them in your regular prayers.

I want offer thanks to those of you who have continued to work through the summer. So, to all you carers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, ministers and people with skills that we take for granted, I hope that you too will get some time to rest and refresh.

With newness around, it is also a time to reflect on what has been achieved. I hope that many of you will be able to join in our September Annual General Meeting on 8th September.

Cathy Seymour

GIFT WEEKEND

Thank you to all those who were able to support our Gift Weekend. The amount raised was £24,408 which, when gift aid of £7,410 is added, the total is £31,818. We thank God for this response at a time when it was needed.



Sally's Stories

'The children are all playing at the sand table singing a mixture of Tots' Praise songs.' (From one of our child minders.)

'I'm so excited, I'm so excited, I'm so excited!' (Amity, jumping up and down on the spot three times, just before going into the Mayo Hall for Tots' Praise).

'Thank you so much for all the fun playgroup sessions over the years. We have loved coming, seeing friendly faces and sharing the ups and downs. We will miss coming and seeing you every week!' (Childminder).

Then there are the parents who need space for their children to run free and space for themselves to just breathe and gain support from other parents – due to the fact that they have children with additional learning needs and it is tough to care for them. These parents always express a special appreciation for our groups.

These are just some of the comments we get for the time we put in. In these groups, we have indeed had ups and downs, both guests and staff. We have laughed and cried together and the groups are a supportive community. We need to now pray that guests will discover where our love comes from – or from whom?! (Jesus!)

We'll be losing some of the children in September but some are staying (two parents have decided to arrange their childcare/nursery time so that they and their child can still come to one of our groups. There are some parents who will be coming back with their newborns and we have had some people join us, having seen some of our publicity.

Please pray for the future of all our groups – that they will grow numerically yes... but also that God will cause seeds to grow in their hearts.

Sally Butler, Children, Youth and Families Worker



PASTORAL NEWS

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

We remember all on our prayer list.

Dear Lord, bring comfort and healing to those who are sick and suffering. Ease their pain, strengthen their spirits and restore their bodies. May your presence be a source of peace and hope in their time of need.

In our world divided by conflict and misunderstanding, we pray for unity and understanding. Help us to find common ground, to respect our differences and work together for peace. Amen.

Ray Erskine



Graham and I had the pleasure of visiting **Olive Springham** in her room in Norwich in July. She has made a good recovery from the stroke she suffered not so long ago and was in good spirits, sharing memories of the past. She keeps in touch with a few church friends - as well as reading the Church News. Although well supported by family nearby, she would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers her. Please speak to me if you would like her contact details.

Linda Austin



EVELYN LUCY WHITE 21. 9.32. – 2. 6.24.



Evelyn was born in Tylersdown, Wales and moved to Kingston when she was a toddler. Her sister, Margaret, was born five years later. At a very young age Evelyn began attending Sunday School at Kingston Congregational Church, and so began her relationship with the church which would last the next 80 years. Attending Tiffin Girls' School, Evelyn became involved in the life of the church moving from Sunday School pupil to teacher, probably igniting the spark which led her towards a teaching career. As

she moved through her teenage years the church became the centre of her world, in particular acting with the Tabard Players, and organizing dances and outings. She became Secretary and Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship and formed friendships that would last for the rest of her life.

Following Tiffin's, Evelyn qualified at Teacher Training College and taught at schools in Clapham Junction, Roehampton, Latchmere Road and Springfield. After marrying in 1961 Frankie, Glen and Perry came along. After the breakup of the marriage the family moved to Falcon Way in Sunbury-on-Thames which remained her home for the rest of her life. With 3 children under 5, this was undoubtedly the most daunting and challenging period of her life, but she gradually began to rebuild and returned to teaching part-time. Holidays were enjoyable but modest in this country. At this time Evelyn was President and Treasurer of the Inner Wheel and active in that social scene.

In 1992 Evelyn retired and embarked on her happiest decade, travelling extensively in Europe, to the USA and Canada and achieved a lifelong ambition to visit Israel, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and have a paddle in the Sea of Galilee. Back home, Evelyn joined the Blue History Guide to London course which involved study and a visit to the place studied. Another delight during this time was being involved with her grandchildren.

Tennis and cricket were her two sporting loves and she read voraciously all her life. Latterly life was becoming a burden but her character of unflinching stoicism, loyalty, duty and faith gave her a clear understanding of something beyond this life.



Evelyn on the left in 1977 during a performance of the play "Holy Ground", written and directed by Kathleen Clegg to celebrate the rebuilding of our church and halls.

Note a young Janine second from left!

LEANNE KIM'S BAPTISM



It was a special occasion on Sunday, 14 July, when Hosana Lee, who had grown up at KURC, returned from Korea for daughter Leanne Kim's baptism by Lesley while proud dad, Hyunsoo Kim, watched in Korea on Zoom. Grandparents, Suk In Lee and He Jung Kim, gathered with family and friends.



FLOWER ROTA – SEPTEMBER



- 1st Madge Cole
- 8th Cathy Seymour
- 15th Jean Thompson
- 22nd Robin & David
- 29th Lesley & Ray Charlton

Crafternoons – 2024

- September 21st Spring is around the corner!
- October 19th Crafty Toilet Twinning!!
- November 16th A recycled Christmas
- December 21st Body Art

Saturdays 2-5pm
Kingston United Reformed Church
£3 per person or £5 per family
Tea, cake and conversation included
For more details speak to Carol Clack or Sally Butler



Christian Aid's Call to tackle Debt Crisis

Christian Aid reports that Africa is facing its worst debt crisis in a generation. A majority of African countries – 34 out of 54 – spend more on external debt payments than on health or education, the charity says.

As a consequence, millions of children are missing out on school, and pregnant women are unable to give birth in a hospital or with the help of a midwife.

Christian Aid's report has the backing of the former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who said: "The scale of this inequality between Africans and the rest of the world is so great that I am not sure the world will ever forgive us for failing to deliver urgent debt restructuring." He said the report reveals the urgent need for action.

In a survey for Christian Aid by Savanta, 62% of Britons said it was wrong for African countries to be paying so much. Nearly half of respondents said the UK should cancel the debts of lower income countries.

The report, entitled 'Between Life and Debt', is available to download from christianaid.org.uk

'Reform', July/Aug 2024

Commitment for Life Debt Justice Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for your heart for social and economic justice. We pray today for communities in the UK and across the Global South who are challenging the exploitation and hardship created by unjust debt.

We pray for the 54 countries that are in debt crisis and pray that UK politicians would introduce new legislation to help unblock efforts to cancel unpayable debt. Thank you for your idea of debt cancellation. Cancelling Global South debt today would release resources to fund healthcare, education and the climate emergency.

We also pray for households in our communities that are facing mounting debts created by soaring energy bills and rising prices. We pray for government action to cancel energy debt to address extreme financial pressures and give households a fresh start.

We pray for debt jubilee in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Thank you to Suk In & He Jung for opening their Manse garden for a barbeque on Saturday, 13 July



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

Archive of the Month/Antiques Roadshow

We were recently contacted by a lady who has inherited a very elaborate ormolu clock bearing the following inscription:

‘Presented to the Reverend John Edwards on the occasion of his resigning the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Kingston [now KURC] by members of this church and congregation as a small token of their affectionate regard and esteem, May 1850’

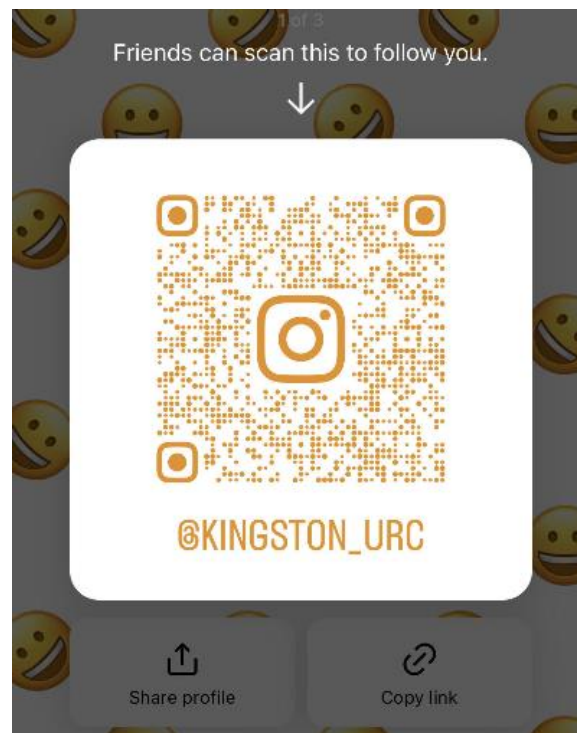
Having no idea how the clock came to be in her family’s possession, the owner was anxious to know more about the Rev John Edwards. Thanks to our extensive archives we were able to provide some information. Mr Edwards was minister of our church from 1840 to 1850. He had previously been a missionary in Guiana, South America, but became unwell and was advised to return to Britain. His ministry in Kingston was not an altogether happy one: his appointment was not unanimous and there were subsequent disagreements which led to several resignations – including the church secretary. At one point John Edwards gave notice that he would be terminating his ministry within six months. But, happily, there was a reconciliation, and when he was called to another church at Hanley in 1850 the news was greeted with dismay and regret, and he was presented with this impressive clock. Apart from our church minutes which date back to 1801, this could well be the oldest surviving object associated with our church.



John Fisher

NEW !!! KURC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

KURC now has an Instagram Account! We're encouraging anyone who is on Instagram to "follow" it. You can either look up "Kingston_URC" from Instagram or (even easier!) point your phone camera at the QR Code below and it will open up Instagram on the KURC page.



Details on how KURC members and friends can submit photos to upload will be available soon. In the meantime, please remember to take lots photos of our church and community outreach activities (asking for permission from the people in the photos) so that KURC can post regular updates. Any queries, please contact Yu-Ting Hsu (Ting) or Bron Robinson.

**Holly Christie will be editing October's Church News.
Articles and photos to Holly please by Friday, 13 September.
holly@thisdemandinglife.com**

A STATEMENT FROM URC MODERATORS RELEASED FOLLOWING THE RECENT CIVIL UNREST

No-one should suffer intimidation and violence because of their religious beliefs or ethnic background. People fleeing from threat and persecution in other places should be able to find a safe place in the UK.

British values of mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs underpin our society. As Christians, we are called to care for vulnerable people and speak up for those who suffer.

The moderators of the United Reformed Church and its synods are united in their deep concern for those who have been targeted in recent civil unrest. The hallmarks of racial prejudice have been on display. An initial solemn response to a terrible attack in Southport has been subverted into further violence. No good will come of it.

We stand with Black and Asian friends and neighbours, and with asylum seekers and refugees. We stand against hate in all its forms, including islamophobia and antisemitism, and call for all Christians to offer friendship and support to all those who are frightened or in need today.

Signed by the Moderators of the URC

<><><><><><>

Though times were rough

tune: My life flows on in endless song (How can I keep from singing?) MP 1210

Though times were rough and
challenging
in ways that left us spinning,
our God has stayed and seen us
through,
we'll surely keep on singing.

***We're ready for a fresh new start,
new era, new beginning,
with Christ to lead us on life's road,
we'll surely keep on singing!***

Though weakened, we'll grow strong
once more,
new era, new beginning,
let's gather, pray, set out again,
and, surely, keep on singing.

We'll re-commit to God in Christ,
our gifts and off'rings bringing,
stay with each other, moving on,
yes, we will keep on singing.

With thanks for all God's meant to us,
through all the way we've travelled,
we pledge ourselves in fellowship,
we'll always keep on singing.

***A new hymn written by John Miller
Campbell in June 2024 and sung for
the first time at KURC's 10.30 service
on 14. 7.24. and freely available for
use.***

TRIP TO WORTHING



On Saturday, 10 August, members from our church and their friends went to the seaside in Worthing. At 9.30 sharp we boarded the coach. The weather was a little bit hazy and when we arrived there were gusts of wind and, of course, the sea smell and freshness with which I personally tried to fill my lungs as much as I could.

Worthing was a new place for many of us and we just split into small groups and tried to find interesting or comfortable places for us elderly on the promenade. The nearby streets were full of cafés and fish and chips cafés which attracted many of us at lunch time, as their fish-and-chips for “seniors” cost £8.50!

In the afternoon it warmed up and the sun started to shine. Vaughan James and Carol Clack dared to change into their swimming suits and went to the sea! (Brrrh!!!!). As the beach was full of pebbles and little stones, Vaughan said he regretted not bringing another pair of sandals to go in the sea, as it was rough for the feet.

But we enjoyed the sea, the friends, the stroll on the pier and promenade, and the food! We are so grateful that our church has organised such trips for the last three years! I recommend that those who decided not to go, join the trip next year (and let us pray that we will still be able to do so!).

Natasha Reid



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Not all members are aware that since 1942 the church has had a Book of Remembrance in a glass case at the back of the sanctuary. In fact, over the 82 following years almost 450 entries, denoting the varied and interesting lives of members, have been recorded in two Books.

In the early days the entries were made by members with a gift for calligraphy, but since 1991 the computer has taken over with a font in a similar style.

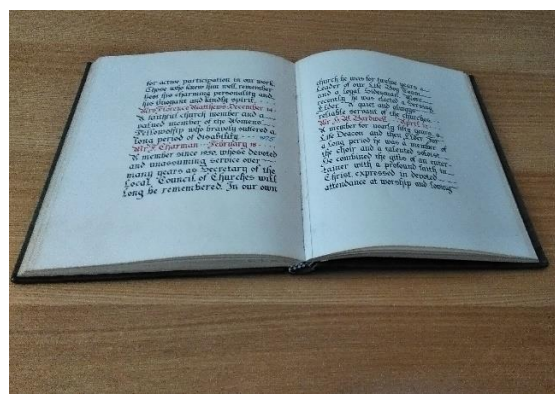
Apart from being interesting, the two Books form a social history of church life at the time, noting in the first Book that two separate members served in the mission field, one in India for 40 years and another in China for over 40 years. It was memorable when a woman became a deacon(elder) for the first time and how women at that time were a great support to their husbands without a career themselves. The Women's Fellowship also flourished at that time.

It is impossible to mention the outstanding service to the church of so many members but, on a lighter note, the first Book reveals a relative of Jerome K Jerome, a French polisher, a former three times Mayor of Kingston, a ventriloquist and, more sadly, a Titanic widow.

The second Book mentions a woman fencer member leading the British team at the 1960 Olympics, a colleague and friend of Sir Edward Lutyens, a member who produced over 2,000 teddy bears for children in need and a member who fostered 200 children. It is also interesting to note that one member spent 60 years in different roles, including President, with the Esperanto movement and also published in Esperanto his book on Einstein's theory of relativity.

Above all, the Books are a testament to members' faith and far-reaching influence over the years, incalculable to measure, for which we give thanks.

Jean Thompson
John Fisher, Archivist



CHURCH MEETINGS

At an elders' meeting earlier in the year we spent time considering our church meetings. With so many changes recently, that include our more hybrid attendance at Sunday morning worship, it has perhaps been hard for us to keep ourselves involved in this important part of our church life.

The plan is to have 6 formal meetings a year, with agenda and minutes taken and 6 less formal opportunities to be together and yet to spend time considering our church. These happen on the second Sunday of each month. Our Annual General Meeting is held at the September meeting. At this meeting you can expect to hear a review of the year and expectations of what will be happening in the next year.

Christine Thompson has kindly written the following to help us understand how this important meeting was developed:

Church Meeting

A University friend of mine who, to our surprise, ended up a Lib Dem minister in the coalition Government, told a conference that the gift the non-conformists gave the country was meetings. (The Anglicans and Roman Catholics also gave the country gifts, but I can't remember what they were.)

Church meetings were where ordinary people learnt to debate and decide, not ordered around by the vicar, the squire or the factory owner. And this was the practice of especially the Baptists and Congregationalists. The amalgamation of Congregationalists and English and Welsh Presbyterians to form the URC in 1972 was a momentous event, was watched with interest and encouragement by other denominations and it was the first step in a further coming-together of other denominations. For a range of reasons, this didn't happen.

The structure of the URC was a masterpiece of creative drafting and some of the inconsistencies remain.

The beliefs that motivate the practice of church meeting are:

- Church meeting is where the people of God meet under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to determine what their ministry and mission should be (including outreach and pastoral support). This is in accordance with:
- **The Ministry of all believers** (a key teaching of Martin Luther and a fundamental of Protestant belief) See 1 Peter 2:9-10 ... you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference

he made for you – from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. (The Message.)

- The mission and direction of the church is decided by church meeting under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, not by the minister and/or the elders.

What do the elders do? – Plan, co-ordinate, support, undertake pastoral support and the teaching of the gospel.

What does the minister do? - Provides the input on theology, ethics, the practice of the church and the preaching of the gospel acquired through study and time in the job. Fills, or ensures they are filled, any gaps that appear. Represents the local church in the wider councils of the church (along with others). Carries out appropriate functions in the wider church and secular life locally, and occasionally nationally.

Useful Links:

<https://urc.org.uk/who-we-are/what-we-believe/>

<https://urc.org.uk/who-we-are/what-is-the-urc/>

Christine Thompson and Cathy Seymour



A ROCHA'S ECO TIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Step outside this Season of Creation (1 Sept. to 4 Oct.). Connect with nature and dedicate this time to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. Choose an idea or two from A Rocha's resource and encourage the family to take part too!

Free to download at arocha.org.uk/step-outside-this-season-of-creation-resource/



Sheffield **Christian Aid** Night Hike

In July, Nick and I took part in the Sheffield and area churches Night Hike to raise funds for Christian Aid. About 50 people took part and we covered the 15km (9 miles) in about 4 hours, getting back to the start point at Hathersage Methodist Church just before midnight.

We definitely needed torches for the last hour or two! Very sociable and a great way to raise money for a good cause.



Where's Wally? (Nick!)



As the sun went down

Bron Robinson



KINGSTON CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (KCiI)

As the Church's representative for Kingston Centre for Independent Living, it might be helpful to give some background to this now well-respected Organisation. It was founded in 1967 by Wycliffe Noble, an Architect specialising in accessibility for all, but especially for disabled people. At first, the Organisation had a far greater number of non-disabled people who decided that fund-raising was the answer without the information coming from disabled people who had struggled to escape from long-stay institutions. It was an enlightening and exciting time. Only a very few disabled people could get together as there was no accessible transport. When disabled people started campaigning on the streets of London, the police had no accessible vehicles to take us to police stations.

Back in 1967, only a handful of disabled people had managed to access mainstream schools and universities. Disabled people developed a model that stands today, called the Social Model of Disability, that encompasses all disabled people and the barriers they continue to experience.

In 1967 the Organisation had a struggle to get a £100 grant from Kingston Council and the Organisation, called Kingston Association for the Handicapped, was mainly managed by a Board of non-disabled people. We experienced much from well-meant people who continued to believe that fundraising for such events as Daffodil Balls was the answer.

I became the Organisation's unpaid secretary who virtually ran the Organisation. The Church was very generous and allowed the use of the vestry four days a week for a peppercorn rent. When I had to move to an institution in Streatham (the British Home and Hospital for Incurables), I continued to be the mainstay and tried to progress the many barriers that kept disabled people out of sight. KVA were instrumental in finding volunteer drivers so I could attend London meetings and many other events. To give just one insight into the struggle, it took a demonstration on the steps of the Guildhall to make Councillors and others realise the depth of discrimination that existed. It then took another forty years to get to the seat of local power accessible, and today the lift is not always in working order! Baroness Jane Campbell and I sat

through many a Council Meeting, mainly Social Services Meetings and other events trying to get our voices heard.

There is so much more history, but to give an idea of what is now the Kingston Centre for Independent Living, and their current work, here are a few bullet points:

- This year the Independent Travel Training Team has doubled. They support children and young people to travel independently on public transport, opening up opportunities for further education, employment and leisure activities.
- Expanded free personal assistant (PA) and carer training, supporting people interested in becoming PAs, with opportunities to update skills.
- Assisting finding PAs for disabled people.
- Furthering the Reporting on Access issues.
- Keeping disabled people up to date with a newsletter.
- Giving disabled people a chance to experience boat trips on the Thames, with an opportunity to steer the vessel.

The majority of Kingston's Organisations are working to agendas where every penny counts. Please donate to our Just Giving page for Jason, our CEO, who is running yet another marathon to boost our work and income.



Kcil Meeting

Ann Macfarlane



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

GOSPEL OF MARK (4)

1 Not be served, but to serve

Sunday 1 September	Mark 10:17-34
Monday 2 September	Mark 10:35-45
Tuesday 3 September	Mark 10:46-52
Wednesday 4 September	Mark 11:12-14
Thursday 5 September	Mark 11:27-33
Friday 6 September	Mark 12:1-12
Saturday 7 September	Mark 12:13-27

2 Approaching the kingdom

Sunday 8 September	Mark 12:28-34
Monday 9 September	Mark 12:35-40
Tuesday 10 September	Mark 12:41-44
Wednesday 11 September	Mark 13:1-20
Thursday 12 September	Mark 13:21-37
Friday 13 September	Mark 14:27-31
Saturday 14 September	Mark 14:66-72

EAT OF THE BREAD AND DRINK OF THE CUP

1 Bread

Sunday 15 September	Exodus 12:33-39
Monday 16 September	Exodus 16:2-8
Tuesday 17 September	Deuteronomy 8:1-3
Wednesday 18 September	Matthew 15:32-38
Thursday 19 September	John 6:25-34
Friday 20 September	John 6:35-40
Saturday 21 September	Acts 2:41-47

2 Wine

Sunday 22 September	Psalms 104:14-30
Monday 23 September	Judges 13:2-7
Tuesday 24 September	Revelation 14:8-20
Wednesday 25 September	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Thursday 26 September	John 2:1-11
Friday 27 September	Romans 14:13-21
Saturday 28 September	Matthew 26:26-29

QUESTIONS

Sunday 29 September	Luke 10:33-37
Monday 30 September	Isaiah 6:6-10

Kingston United Reformed Church – Information

Ministers:

Rev Lesley M Charlton, tel: 020 8399 4423 e-mail: minister@kingstonurc.org

Rev Dr Suk In Lee, tel: 020 8949 2070 e-mail: sukin.lee@kingstonurc.org

Church Secretary:

Cathy Seymour, mobile: 07775 615126 e-mail: chsec@kingstonurc.org

Treasurer:

Christine Chippendale, mobile: 07738 562457 e-mail: treasurer@kingstonurc.org

Children, Youth & Families Worker:

Sally Butler, mobile: 07807 348326 e-mail: youth@kingstonurc.org

Missionary:

So Young Jung, mobile: 07786 032770 e-mail: j2001@gmail.com

Premises Manager and PA to the Minister:

Catherine Treweek, Landline: 020 8549 1888

Work Mobile: 07807 351801 (between 8 am – 2 pm only)

e-mail (Premises Manager): premises@urckingston.org.uk

e-mail (PA to Minister): kingstonurc@gmail.com

Premises Assistant:

Georgi Todorov, Landline as above.

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 by the second Friday of the month.

The next copy deadline for October is Friday, 13 September 2024

Editor: Holly Christie, e-mail: holly@thisdemandinglife.com

FINANCIAL DONATIONS to KURC can be made in a number of ways:

Complete one of the forms at the back of the church to set up standing order payments.

Make regular cash gifts at the Sunday services. By using the offertory envelopes, you allow the church to reclaim Gift Aid.

You can also pay directly into our bank account: sort code 20-46-73, account number 60921289 and quote Kingston United Reformed Church Charity.

We also now have a digital collection plate (card reader) at the back of the church

Kingston United Reformed Church is a member of the Local Ecumenical Project in Kingston Town Centre with its partner, All Saints Parish Church in the Market Place.

The town centre ministers meet regularly.

We are a part of Churches Together in Kingston.

Kingston URC is also affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK)

and the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea (PROK)

You can also keep in touch with worship and activities at our church through our website: www.kingstonurc.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and X.