

CHURCH NEWS

KINGSTON UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH



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'We're all going on a summer holiday!' photo credit to Hosana Lee

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EDITED THIS MONTH BY HOSANA LEE

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 YouTube: [KURC Livestream](#) Please subscribe to our channel.

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

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' Gym (except Bank Holidays)

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

12.30 Community Lunch (except Bank Holidays)

Tuesday:

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

Wednesday:

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

13.30 Lunch-time Service

Thursday:

10.00 Prayers on Zoom

10.00 Thursday Morning Walk & Talk!

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

3rd Saturday 10.00 Women's Coffee Morning

2nd Sunday 11.30 Church Meeting

Bi-monthly:

3rd Saturday 14.00 Crafternoons

School Holidays:

Certain Wednesdays 11.00

The Generation Zone

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 August/September 2025:

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| 15 Aug. | 10.00 | M&M's Women's Group |
| 1 Sept. | 14.00 | Celebration for the life of Ann Macfarlane |
| 2 " | 11.00 | Generation Zone |
| 9 " | 19.00 | Prayer meeting for the Persecuted Church worldwide |
| 13 " | 11.30 | Annual General Meeting |
| 15 " | 12:30 | KURC Men's Lunch |
| 17 " | 13.15 | Lunchtime Concert |
| 19 " | 14.00 | Crafternoon |

Please also see the e-mailed Weekly Notice



What about a **WALK & TALK?**

Starting the **6th August** and going through September
we are trialling a weekly short walk.

-  Starting in the building
at **10.00** on a **Thursday**
and then back for a coffee.
-  Nothing very demanding
from the walking.
-  A chance to get to know
people. A bit of exercise.
-  We are trialling this
every **Thursday** in
August and September.

*A short walk.
Great company.
Good conversation.*

You will be most welcome.



Letter from Lesley



Dear All,

The small island in Greece where I go for holidays every other year was once considered useless. Those who were first exploring the Greek islands to tell others about them, thought it was not even worth going to.

Why would you? It is hot as are all Greek islands in the summer. It was barren - most of it. And very mountainous. Who could want to/could go there? What would the attraction be? Answer: the mountains. The very mountains which once were seen as useless and a problem actually are now its major strength. Unlike most Greek island this island has a tourist season the runs from March to November. People who are climbers know it and come specifically for the mountains.

The whole place is set up for climbers. They are the unique feature of the island.

Who knew?

Just to be clear. That is not why I am there. I like the people and the quiet. Of course, the hills are lovely, and I may walk on the roads around them, but I do not climb with ropes and bolts etc.

What are the God given things that you have which once you considered useless? Which other people may think of as useless? The things that actually you could turn into a virtue or a strength if looked at in a different way?

For example, why does the vision of a thriving church always have to be young married couples with bright shiny children? What happened to the disabled children? Or the single people? Or the old people? Or the divorced people? Or those who would love to have had children, but nothing happened? Or those who have broken family relationships? Where is their safe space?

What are the features of our church which, if looked at in a changed light, could be uniquely special and an important contribution to world-wide Christianity? Are we telling people about what we have to offer?

The message of the island is that you do not have to be the same as others to be great.

The name of the island...not telling. I don't want you to go.

Best wishes

Lesley

Cathy's conversation



Great news, our Gift Day exceeded expectations.

People in our community have been very generous. When you look at the numbers some of the gifts are breathtaking and large for some of us.

We are glad and thank God for the gifts that we have received. Because of the changes in the way that people give we will probably need to have this event again in the future. Just like any home, managing the daily costs, even for basics, has increased in a way which is beyond silly. The question of meeting these demands is alive here, too. I suppose ideally it would be great to have the security of knowing that all we need will flow in an easy monthly way. I am sure that I could echo that for most of us with our personal income. We do our best.

I often think that the best people to talk with about money management are those that have the least. In the past I ran a week of fun in the summer holidays for the children and their families within my teaching specialism. I asked politely for time and financial support and received it. We had a small committee to get the various tasks done. One of these people was a mother who through life circumstances knew very well how to make a little go a long way. She oversaw the publicity. It was before email and WhatsApp, and so information was printed out and sent through the post. When we reviewed the costs of the week, she would return the unused stamps that she had bought and any small change that was left. No one else considered the last penny. The event was over and that was that.

I asked Google about financial security. It replied; Feeling financially secure means having the peace of mind that you can comfortably cover essential expenses, handle unexpected emergencies, and meet future goals without constant worry. Cultivating this stability relies on actionable financial habits.

I wondered how many people have that feeling? Google replied; While nearly half of adults may report feeling financially confident, true financial security is much rarer. In the UK, while 46% of adults feel secure, only 11% actually meet basic benchmarks of true financial security. Globally, 50% to 70% of people feel stressed about money, with billions living pay cheque to pay cheque.

So, it is more usual not to be financially secure. To have to look carefully at where the money goes each day. To be hopeful for a future where things will not get worse. If they do, then to be resourceful and hopeful that things will change and that the current financial worry will be but a season. Maybe feeling financially secure is not the goal. Using what money, we may have wisely to take care of ourselves and those around us be a better goal.

I quote from Romans 9, using the Message.

“If each grain of sand on the seashore were numbered and the sum labelled “chosen by God,” They’d be numbers still, not names; salvation comes by personal selection. God doesn’t count us; he calls us by name. Arithmetic is not his focus.”

So, thank you to each one of you who felt able to give money at this time. Thank you to each one of you who felt able to give your time.

I wonder if you will be reading this when the heat waves have finished. It has been hard for so many of us. Our young people will be having a break from school and will be starting afresh in September. Remember them in your prayers.

The next formal church meeting will be on September 13th, within and after the 10.30 service. Please join us.

Cathy Seymour

Carol's Contribution



The Inescapable God, based on Psalm 139 by Mike Moyers

This is the Creator God
Of milky ways and oceans deep
Of creatures great and small
Of the highest mountains and deepest valleys

This is the God
Who created each one of us
Knitting us together in our mother's womb
Who knows us inside and out

This is the God from whom there is no escape
Wherever we are
However much we try to hide
There is nowhere God is not

This is the God with an eye for detail
Who notices
Cares, loves, understands
Holding us in his arms
Providing
Comfort, hope, love and peace.

This is the God who searches us
Knows our hearts
Who leads along the path of everlasting life
As we surrender our lives to Him
Looking for
And finding Him in every situation

From Sally

Hello,

Hope you don't mind me asking but I'm asking everyone! No pressure at all. You can donate online or cash. Just a quick email to let you know that I've decided to fundraise for Kingston Hospital Charity, and I'd really appreciate your support.

You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sally-butler-thanks?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=EM

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Kingston Hospital Charity, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Thank you,

Sally

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising>





BIG SLEEP OUT

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 7.30PM

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness is once again hosting a sponsored **sleep out** at **All Saints Kingston**.

Spend a night in the open and experience but a fraction of the reality of rough sleeping.

From **7.30pm** to **6.30am** on **10th October** with just a sleeping bag and some weather protection, join us in raising funds to support this amazing local charity.



ONE NIGHT
FROM 7.30PM
TO 6.30AM



JUST A SLEEPING BAG & WEATHER PROTECTION



RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT A LOCAL CHARITY

 **SLEEP OUT. STAND TOGETHER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Loving God,

We pray for all those experiencing homelessness, hardship and loneliness in our community and borough. Help us to see those in need with compassion and dignity. Open our hearts to listen, our hands to help, and our lives to make a difference. Bring our churches, charities and community together, so that we can stand together in hope, supporting one another and working for a borough where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Bless those who work tirelessly to help others, and guide us to be people of kindness, action and love.

Together, may we bring hope, make a difference and build a community where no one is forgotten.

Amen.

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

Loving God, our Father who knows and watches over all our struggles, at this time we lift up our prayers to you.

We especially remember those who are suffering in their daily lives.
Please remember those who are weary in the midst of financial difficulties, health problems, business struggles, and broken relationships
We also remember those who are struggling because of the extreme heat.

In every hardship, when there seems to be no helping hand, may your helping hand be revealed, and may your living presence be made known.
When they call upon your name, fill them with new strength.

As we call upon you with our lips, we pray that we may experience your healing and restoration in our lives.

As we strive to remain fully in you, may the work of restoration take place through us, and may that restoration flow into the lives of those who are suffering, so that even in the midst of difficulties, they may live with true peace.

We thank you for being with us today, and we pray all these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Jinsook

The Varnished Truth

During the heatwave of 1976 we held a joint Sunday evening service at Grove Crescent URC. The church had been heating up like an oven for several days and I recall that the temperature was barely tolerable when we went in. We sat down in a pew (pinewood with no cushion) and the service proceeded as normal until we stood up after the sermon to sing the final hymn. Then... there was a ghastly sound of tearing and ripping mixed with muffled expletives as various members of the congregation discovered that they had become stuck to the melted varnish on the pews. No doubt Kingston's dry cleaners were delighted with all the extra custom!



John Fisher



Book of Remembrance

In a glass cabinet at the back of the sanctuary there is a Book of Remembrance with tributes to loved ones of members and friends of KURC. The glass cover is open. Please feel free to look at the Book, perhaps at the time of the passing of your loved one, or please ask Jean Thompson to find the page for you.

Below are details on how to give:

Firstly -through your bank. Why not set up a standing order? The codes are here.

Kington United Reformed Church Charity

Sort Code: **20-46-73**

Account: 60921289

Secondly: use the digital collection plate. Catherine has provided a detailed 'how to' leaflet that is beside the digital plate at the back of the worship space. We also have a card machine in the coffee servery if that is better for you.

Thirdly: you can make a donation through a website called sumup. This has been set up for the gift day. (thanks Stu)

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QAYJF79L>

Fourthly: you can give through the website: [Kingston United Reformed Church](#), blue button, top right "Make a Donation"

Fifthly and sixthly:- If you are a person who likes to use cash or cheques, we have 2 envelope schemes – one for weekly use and one for occasional use. The major advantage of the weekly scheme is that they remind us that the church is still going on whether we were able to be there or not. You put your cash/cheque into the envelope and bring it when you come. That might mean you arrive with a fist full of envelopes – that is fine. The person to contact for the weekly envelopes scheme is Jin Sook. Email

jinsookkim2020@gmail.com

Whether you pay tax or not, this may be a good system for you if you work in cash. Gift Aid: if you pay tax in the UK, we can claim it back though the Gift Aid scheme. We need you to sign a form that links the envelope number to you and your ability to reclaim tax. The person to contact regarding Gift Aid is Denise Scorer giftaidadministrator@kingstonurc.org

The other envelopes are for one-off gifts. Again, if you pay tax in the UK, it would really help if we could collect it on your donation. Please make sure you tick the Gift Aid section on the one-off envelopes. For any questions on giving, you can email the Treasurer, Christine Chippendale, on treasurer@kingstonurc.org

3 final things

- If you worship in the building and want to physically put something into the offertory bag as it goes past, there are cards at the back. They remind the giver that they are giving through their bank. Please help yourself when you arrive on a Sunday.
- Please remember to leave Kingston United Reformed Church a gift in your will.
- Finally, would you like to give a gift to the Church in memory of someone? Or something? An anniversary or birthday? We have ideas for specific things we could suggest, either marked with a plaque or anonymously, whatever is best for you.

Thank you again

Kingston United Reformed Church

KURC Men's Lunch

Friends of Kingston United Reformed Church are invited to meet at O'Neill's pub for lunch at 12.30 on Tuesday 15th September. After that the next lunch date is Wednesday 11th November. It is a casual, social get together and open to everyone with an interest in the church. Please come along to chat and possibly make new friends.

If you would like more information, please contact Alistair Borthwick – email alistair.borthwick@talktalk.net phone 07930 762853.



CRAFTERNOON AND THE GENERATION ZONE – 2026 DATES

Crafternoon quarterly dates: Saturdays at 2-4pm: 19th September 21st November Contact: Carol Clack carol.clack@kingstonurc.org	The Generation Zone School Holiday dates: Wednesdays at 11am-1pm: 2 September 2026 Christingle replaces the December date Contact: Lesley minister@kingstonurc.org
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Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church Worldwide

A number of people have expressed interest in praying with others in the borough for the Persecuted Church worldwide.

We are going to have an initial **prayer meeting on Wednesday 9th September** in Kingston United Reformed Church. People from all denominations are welcome to come along. Please feel free to bring any relevant literature to help our prayers.

We will begin at 7.00pm finishing 8:30pm. Hopefully this will become a regular monthly event. Any queries please contact sue.shaw24@gmail.com

"We All are Children of the Same God!"

“Last week, my neighbour asked me if I would like to join her at a gathering of the Muslim women at Kingsnympton Youth and Community Club at Kingston Hill, where she goes regularly with her friend to work in the kitchen. The weekly gatherings are often organised in the premises of this Youth Club which is very active.



I found that this club is a not-for-profit organisation with their services in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, and the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead.

I found out that through these clubs, workshops, drop-in sessions, school engagement, detached and street-based youth work, our youth workers create safe spaces where young

people can build confidence, make informed decisions, and have their voices heard.

Their activities include sports, cooking, arts and crafts, music production alongside information, advice and guidance on issues such as employment, wellbeing, sexual health and substance misuse. Young people also help shape and improve their services through their Youth Forum. Aside from this, they also work with local charities you may know, such as Oxygen.



The gatherings of the Muslim Women are held in this or other places every Thursday and the aim of these



gatherings is to draw women from their daily routine and bring them together. They are not only for Muslim women, as every woman, of every belief and domination is welcome there. There are women from different countries, like Morocco, Algeria, Palestine, Ghana, etc.



On that day we had our activity, to paint pot flowers, organised by Sanya and Nadya. The women sang and danced as there was a large TV screen with the Arabic singers translated on it. We all worked together and waited for a delicious meal to heat up and prepare in the kitchen. Usually, food is distributed every week by the Surbiton Community Fridges (where Nadya works), but all women feel like they keep their community by preparing some of their delicious dishes.



This usually saves the food items which supermarkets, restaurants and bakeries give to them and later helps many families to save a few pounds as well. Later I found out that this group of Muslim women gather where there is a vacant space available. For example, the Youth Club will be shut up for summer so, today, they organised a picnic not far from their food distribution centre where the Community Fridge building is situated.

I also went there again and again; the crowd was the same and they knew each other very well. They brought their children and they played peacefully on the nearby children's ground until the delicious food arrived! They brought food prepared by them and were so



hospitable towards me. They asked me how to say a few words in my language, and I asked them how it is in Arabic.



We also shared the recipes of certain dishes. During farewell, they asked me to come again, which I promised. They asked me to send them the photos which I definitely did. And I also sent them a little dua (prayer) to remind them once more that God is one and we are all praying to the same God whether in the mosques, churches or the temples.”



- *O God, protect my new friends and grant them happiness and peace in their heart.*
- *Open for them the doors of provision and success.*
- *Make all their days be filled with goodness and blessings.*
- *Protect them from hardships and hidden struggles.*
- *And make them among those who are close to You, O Lord of the world.*

Natasha



Hope in the Making – Environmental Concerns

By Liz Styan, Zion URC North Allerton

Forests felled or burnt, destroying homes,
habitat and carbon sinks.
Floods kill and lay waste.
Droughts sap life and livelihood, bringing
hunger and migration.
Plastics and chemicals fill our rivers and
oceans, causing death.
The earth cries out in distress
but power denies, belittles and
prevaricates with self-interest at heart.

God, this is way too big for me!

Yet, you call us to be salt, light or yeast.
Small, seemingly insignificant ingredients,
but ones that transform and change
everything....
including us!

You encourage us to join with others to
guide and enable,
And you promise to be with us every step of the way.

Thank you for signs of Hope in the Making:
A small apple tree planted defiantly in the face of opposition,
the woman refusing single-use plastics or to buy produce out
of season,
small groups working on inspirational local projects,
farmers turning to regenerative ways
campaign groups providing inspiration, information and
opportunities to write, sign up or march in protest.
Charities working on alternatives for communities and ecosystems
affected by climate chaos or environmental degradation.

Help us to seek you out and follow,
wherever you may be found.

Amen.



The Industrial Archaeology of Kingston URC: A Quiz

Here are five pictures of obsolete bits of machinery hidden away in dark corners of our church building – and I’m not referring to members of church staff!

Can you recognise what they are, and where they may be found?

The answers are given at the end of this edition of Church News.

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3.



John Fisher

Lunchtime Recital

*We are pleased to announce that Catharine Leonard will be giving a piano recital in our church on **Thursday 17 September at 1.15pm**. The programme will include works by Rachmaninov and Schubert.*

Admission is free, with a retiring collection.



AUGUST

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: <http://arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/>. Visit <http://arocha.org.uk> for more!



[Great tit via Pixabay](#)

SEPTEMBER

The Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) is dedicated to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life. Join A Rocha UK's Season of Creation prayer and reflection webinar on Wednesday 2 September to start this season with others. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for his provision through the land and the food that it

produces. If you are part of a church or community, suggest that a service or gathering has a Season of Creation focus. Prayers, worship, teaching and the offering could focus on creation. Could there be an activity with a creation focus too? Explore more Season of Creation resources at:

<http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation>

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 PRAYER

Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.



Photo credit: Johanan Celine Valeriano

Church chuckles!



Credit: Pinterest/beliefnet.com



The Church Coffee

After the service, two members were discussing the quality of the church coffee.

"I think the coffee is getting stronger," said one.

"Really?" replied the other.

"Yes. Last Sunday I drank a cup and was awake until Tuesday."

Bible Study

The leader of a Bible study asked:

"Can anyone name a person in the Bible who was known for having a lot of patience?"

There was silence.

Finally, one gentleman at the back said:

"I'm not sure about the Bible, but my wife has been waiting patiently for me to put up that shelf for six years."



Read ■ Reflect ■ Grow

Saturday 15 August Exodus 18:9-27

2 Maturity

Sunday 16 August 1 Timothy 4:7b-16

Monday 17 August Ephesians 4:11-16

Tuesday 18 August Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7

Wednesday 19 August 1 Peter 5:1-11

Thursday 20 August Luke 2:36-40

Friday 21 August 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Saturday 22 August Revelation 21:1-5a

WISDOM

Sunday 23 August Psalm 119:33-40

Monday 24 August Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

Tuesday 25 August Proverbs 8

Wednesday 26 August 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

Thursday 27 August Job 28:20-28

Friday 28 August 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Saturday 29 August James 3:13-18

READINGS IN ISAIAH Chapters 1-39 (2)

1 Provision from God

Sunday 30 August Isaiah 25:1-12

Monday 31 August Isaiah 26:1-13

Tuesday 1 September Isaiah 27:2-13

Wednesday 2 September Isaiah 28:1-6

Thursday 3 September Isaiah 29:13-24

Friday 4 September Isaiah 30:15-26

Saturday 5 September Isaiah 32:1-8

2 Delivery through God alone

Sunday 6 September Isaiah 32:9-20

Monday 7 September Isaiah 33:2-13

Tuesday 8 September Isaiah 33:14-17

Wednesday 9 September Isaiah 36:13-20

Thursday 10 September Isaiah 37:9-20

Friday 11 September Isaiah 38:1-21

Saturday 12 September Isaiah 39:1-8

AUTHORITY AND GOVERNANCE

Sunday 13 September Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Monday 14 September Judges 2:6-19

Tuesday 15 September Luke 22:24-30

Wednesday 16 September Matthew 21:23-27

Thursday 17 September Hebrews 5:1-10

Friday 18 September 1 Peter 2:13-25

Saturday 19 September Colossians 3:12-4:1

STOLEN FROM GOD: SLAVERY (1)

Sunday 20 September Deuteronomy 20:1-14

Monday 21 September Leviticus 25:39-55

Tuesday 22 September 2 Kings 4:1-7

Wednesday 23 September Exodus 21:2-11

Thursday 24 September Exodus 21:20-27

Friday 25 September Deuteronomy 15:12-18

Saturday 26 September 1 Samuel 9:5-10

STOLEN FROM GOD: SLAVERY (2)

Sunday 27 September Philemon 1:8-18

Monday 28 September 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Tuesday 29 September Galatians 3:27-4:7

Wednesday 30 September Ephesians 6:5-9

Thursday 1 October 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Friday 2 October Titus 2:9-15

Saturday 3 October 1 Timothy 1:8-11

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (5)

1 Insights

Sunday 4 October Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 5 October Matthew 20:17-34

Tuesday 6 October Matthew 21:17-22

Wednesday 7 October Matthew 21:28-46

Thursday 8 October Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 9 October Matthew 22:15-33

Saturday 10 October Matthew 22:34-46

2 Warnings

Sunday 11 October Matthew 23:1-22

Monday 12 October Matthew 23:23-39

Tuesday 13 October Matthew 24:1-28

Wednesday 14 October Matthew 24:29-51

Thursday 15 October Matthew 25:1-13

Answers to the Industrial Archaeology Quiz (page 15)

1. Some of the pipes (c1960?) which formed part of our old organ. They remain hidden inside the large cupboard by the organ console.
2. The electric blower (c1977) which supplied wind to the old pipe organ. This can be found in one of the rooms in our basement.
3. The winch (c1919) inside the roof of the sanctuary which was once used to lift the great wooden cross up and down for dusting, electrical repairs etc. (The cross originally hung by a wire from the ceiling of the sanctuary, directly above the minister in the central pulpit. The cross had a light attached to the bottom which illuminated the minister.)
4. Being replaced at this very moment: the heating system pumps dating from 1977 which are accessed from the roof of the Richard Mayo Centre.
5. A mid 20th century hearing aid. This had to be plugged in to a socket in the wall. Recently discovered at the back of a cupboard.

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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.