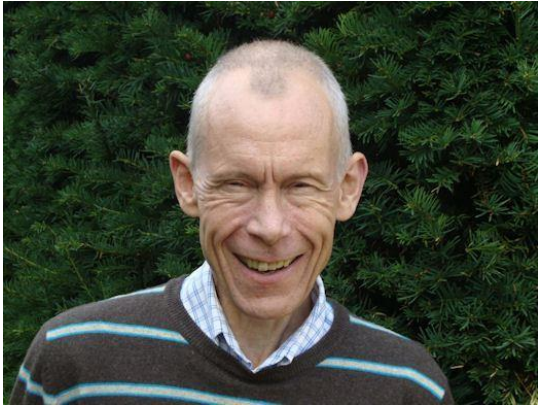


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## Easter Greetings from the United Reformed Church!

The Revd John Proctor, general secretary of the United Reformed Church, offers the following Easter reflection:

Everyone loves an Easter egg. Doing things with eggs is part of the season – cream and chocolate, hard-boiled and decorated, hidden and hunted down. There is a reason we make so much of eggs at Easter. They are a visible and edible reminder of the stone on Jesus' grave. They speak of the first Easter and of what happened then. The original stone was not quite egg-shaped. Think instead of a heavy disc, like a giant coin, able to roll from left to right, with a groove to guide its path. And Easter turns the stone, to a new position and a new angle. It turns a lot of other things too. Easter is about vindication – setting the world the right way up. Easter vindicates Jesus. Who was this man? Healer? Prophet? Maverick? Criminal? Tragic hero? Dead loss? Easter says 'more' to some of these thoughts, and 'no' to others. Because of Easter, the cross was real but not final. At Easter, the healer overcame not only disease but death as well. The rising of the prophet Jesus speaks back to all that decays and destroys our world. Easter says that the values and beliefs for which Jesus stood and spoke are sure enough and strong enough to last. They do not die with him. He lives and so do they. So Easter vindicates justice. It says that cruelty and anger will not have the last word on earth. When corruption and cowardice have done their worst, their worst will be undone. The hardships and hurts we humans inflict on one another shall be judged and healed. The world can be a dirty, damaging and dismal place, but its smears, scars and shadows will not endure. Easter points to a future of hope and justice. The God who raised Jesus will not abandon this weary earth. We believe in justice, in a world turned right side up, because we believe in the risen Jesus. And Easter vindicates joy. So much in this world tests our peace of mind, makes us hang our heads in sorrow, and sours our experience of living. Easter lifts our spirit. It raises our eyes in hope, and calms our hearts when fear waits at the door. Because Jesus lives we can trust, we can work confidently for justice, we can praise, and we have right and reason to rejoice. A world turned right way up, rolled into a new alignment. Jesus lives. Justice is coming. Joy is ours. Happy Easter!

## He is risen

New Testament: Acts 10.34-43

Invited by Cornelius to speak the words that God had given him to say, Peter gives a clear and concise summary of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

'We are witnesses to all that he did' (v.39), Peter says, confirming first-hand that Jesus rose on the third day and subsequently appeared to his disciples, eating and drinking with them. It is the testimony of those first disciples that perhaps offers the strongest proof of Jesus' resurrection. Given their levels of fear and confusion immediately after Jesus' death, what else could explain their sudden transformation into joyful and confident ambassadors of the gospel?

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul examines both the facts of the resurrection and its meaning for us. He describes it as a new era in the history of salvation. The era of Adam, in which all human beings die, has ended. Now, in Christ, 'all will be made alive' (v.22). Jesus' resurrection paves the way for the eventual resurrection of all who belong to him. Paul writes with the unshakeable confidence of someone who has encountered the risen Christ himself. Earlier in the chapter he lists over 500 people who saw Christ after his resurrection. Then, 'last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me' (15.8). For Paul, the Damascus road was a life-changing moment that gave him a new understanding of God, and a new sense of his own calling. Our experiences are probably less dramatic, but how have we encountered the risen Christ, and how has this changed our lives?

Gospel: Luke 24.1-12

The names may differ, but all the Gospels agree that the first witnesses of the empty tomb were the women who followed Jesus to the cross, and then to his grave. Luke describes them as 'perplexed'. Having brought spices to anoint Jesus' body, they clearly weren't anticipating the resurrection. But as soon as the mysterious men in dazzling clothes remind them that Jesus had predicted he would rise again (Luke 9.22), they rush back into the city to tell the disciples and

the rest of Jesus' followers that he has risen. Mary Magdalene has been called the 'apostle to the apostles', but she is not the only one. All the women Luke lists in verse 10 could bear that title. Ironically, the apostles initially disbelieve them, perhaps because women were not considered to be reliable witnesses under Jewish law. But the women's faithfulness at the end of the Gospel mirrors that of Elizabeth and Mary at the beginning. Throughout his Gospel, Luke consistently shows women, as well as men, proclaiming the good news of our salvation in Christ.

Peter then sees the empty tomb for himself. Rather curiously, 'then he went home, amazed at what had happened' (v.12). We do not see him immediately bearing witness, as the women had. The story of the Emmaus road intervenes, and it is only as that story ends that we hear that Peter has told the rest of Jesus' followers. Perhaps he needed time to process his amazement.

'You are witnesses of these things' (Luke 24.48), Jesus says. As the Gospel ends, Jesus commissions all his followers (not just the eleven) to proclaim his death and resurrection to all nations, along with the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are invited to reflect on our own role as witnesses, and to be encouraged that the Spirit will inspire and empower us to proclaim the good news.

### The links between the readings

Some proclaim the resurrection hesitantly. Some proclaim it with great confidence and certainty. The Easter readings suggest that it took some time for the Early Church to process the amazing reality of Jesus' resurrection. Peter (in Acts) and Paul (in 1 Corinthians) were among the first to see the full implications of Christ's victory over the powers of sin and death. But from the moment that the women first discovered the empty tomb, the resurrection brought new life and energy and hope into the world. This was stunningly good news that simply had to be shared – and it still does.

## Secretary's Notes

The Worship Team invited Andrew Mulligan from Mission India to preach on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March and tell us about the Mission work taking place in India today. We were treated to an insight into Andrew's life from growing up in Derry, planting Churches in Manchester and Milton Keynes and now working for Mission India.

He visited India on four separate occasions but he turned down God's calling feeling inadequate for the task as he didn't speak any of the languages. Finally he agreed as God wasn't going to give up and he joined Mission India.

India is a country where millions will live and die not knowing about Jesus without the work of Mission India.

Their work is in partnership with Christian Indian Nationals providing training and teaching to Indians. On completion of the years course they are equipped to bring to the poorest villages the love of Christ Jesus, education and ultimately a church building for worship.

The Retiring Collection for Mission India raised £182.

Thank you all for your generosity and support for this worthy cause.



### **This set me thinking about two things**

#### **1) How many of us respond to messages or requests sent by God and do we recognise them as coming from God?**

I have been aware that twice in the last two weeks I have experienced God's encouragement for me to act.

I sent flowers from church to Eileen as we had not seen her for sometime only to discover she had recently returned from Australia where she had a fall, ended up in hospital, needed her son to accompany her on the long flight home and is still recovering.

I delivered flowers to Tim and Wendy on Sunday to discover Tim is back in hospital.

Why did I decide to give these flowers to these people?

I believe it was a prompt from God.

If we are open and listen for God's prompting we can be moved to take action. We may not be called for great mission work but we can make a difference to the lives of those around us.

## **2) How many of us are willing to share our faith in our everyday lives?** **Why do so many of us find this so difficult?**

Martyn MacPhee used a quote in his last Sermon comparing Christians to a typical swimming pool. Crowded at the shallow end with very few in the deeper water. I think this is true of many of us who are Christians today. We are happy in an environment where we feel confident and comfortable to speak of our faith. A place where we don't feel out of our depth or in the deep end of the swimming pool. We are reluctant to share our faith in places where we might find ourselves being challenged.

We all need to be sharing God's love for all his people in our everyday lives so let's try to be less timid about our faith. Let's stop confining our sharing to the safety of our Church building, study groups and amongst friends who already share our faith. Let's make an effort to get out of the shallow end of the swimming pool.

We must **Let Our Light Shine** and we can start by being visible at the Service in Howardsgate at 11am on Good Friday.

See you all there.

Joyce

## **Keeping you informed**

\*In light of the new GDPR laws the Elders have decided that the Church Members' Directory will only include Telephone Numbers.

The Confidential Directory will hold all details but will only be made available to the Minister and Elders .

Once Pastoral Groups have been finalised the Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Friends will be issued with full details of those on their own Pastoral List.

We hope to have these ready very soon

### **Up and Coming**

**Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** Coffee & Hot Cross Buns in Lower Hall  
after the 11am Service in Howardsgate  
Can we please have volunteers to help  
Liz prepare, serve and clear away.

### **Decorating the Church for Easter**

As in previous years I am asking for groups who use the building to decorate a Windowsill or one of the blue hanging banners for Easter. Any Easter Theme is welcome so get your creative hats on and I look forward to seeing your creations.

I will also be looking for Volunteers to come in on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm onwards to decorate the Church for Easter Sunday. No special skills required just helping hands. I will treat you all to Hot Cross Buns for your efforts and maybe an Easter Egg. Watch this space!!!

### **Easter Breakfast On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> April 8.30 for 9am**

The Read Family will be providing Easter Breakfast for anyone wishing to attend. We are very grateful for them agreeing to host this again this year.

There will be a sheet at the back of the Church from the 7<sup>th</sup> April for you to sign if you wish to attend. Please sign up as it is vital they know how many to cater for on the day.

## **Pop Up Spring Fair Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-1pm**

We will need helpers to set up on the day, man stalls, help in the kitchen and clear up after the event.

If you can help at a stall or have any items for us to sell please contact me

If you would like to have your own stall to raise money for yourself or a group or a charity you support please contact me.

Email [joycen2@hotmail.com](mailto:joycen2@hotmail.com) Mob 07886392602.

We can arrange collection if you need help getting items to church

### **Stalls Requested so far**

**Refreshments** Joyce ( needs a helper)

**Plant Stall** Joe Palacio

**Jewellery** Barbara Palacio

**Cakes** Allison Giles

**Books, Bits & Bobs** Carol Tucker

### **Stalls we have items for in need of volunteers**

**Bric a Brac**

**Toys and Games**

**Pocket Money Items**

**Nearly new Adults and Children**

I hope you can come along and offer your help and support for this fund raising event. All profit from Church Stalls will be going towards the Window Fund.

God Bless

Joyce



## How many more?' A response to knife crime



Karen Campbell, a United Reformed Church (URC) Related Community Worker (CRCW) for Grassroots – a Luton-based ecumenical charity that supports community work through its involvement with the [Bury Park Beech Hill Council of Churches](#) (BPBHCC) – reflects on the tragic and violent loss of teenagers due to knife crime.

Karen's poem is a response to a [Huffington Post](#) article that lays bare harsh statistics which shows across London 'the victims, and perpetrators [of knife crime], are mainly poor, and they are disproportionately black.'

For years, the families of murdered teenagers have appealed for more to be done to tackle the violence, and [gang grooming](#), but to no avail.

In the year to March 2018, knife killings in England and Wales rose by 34% to a 72-year high.

Karen asks:

### HOW MANY MORE?

One more for the statistics;  
One more laboured sigh;  
One more half-hearted pause;  
One more half-hearted 'Why?'

One more young life is wasted -  
Countless futures torn apart;  
One more fam'ly shattered;  
One more mother's broken heart.

One more  
damning  
indictment  
Against the  
problem boys  
And their broken problem families  
With their deaf'ning social noise.

One more time to count our  
blessings,  
Say 'Thank God, that isn't me!'  
And 'Why, in heaven's name,  
won't they contain their savagery?'



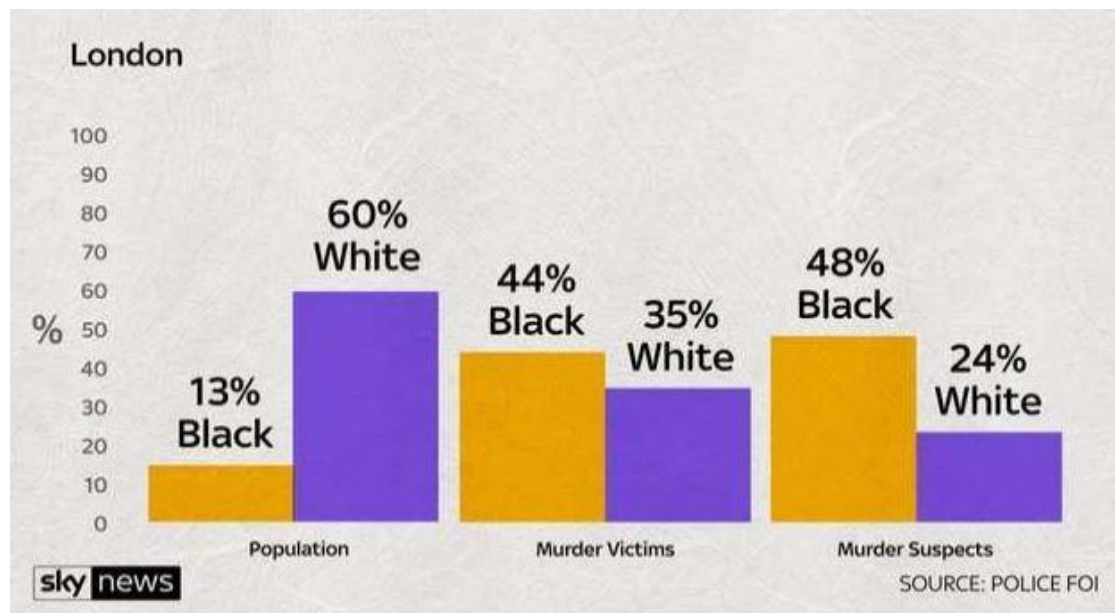
One more time to turn our face  
away;  
One more issue to let slide -  
As long as trouble doesn't  
knock *my* door  
So many truths denied.

Some see the colour of the problem -  
Those who rage and those now dead  
But the colour of the problem  
Is the blood which spatters red.

So, where's the power, the  
resources,  
Or the will to foster change?  
For the blinkered and the privileged  
Such questions wax quite strange.

So just one more for the statistics;  
One more blood-soaked urban day;  
One more tragedy unregistered  
As one more child slips away.

©Karen Campbell, March 2019



In January 2018, Baroness Doreen Lawrence, mother of Stephen Lawrence who was stabbed to death in a racist attack in 1993, [predicted that if more victims were white](#), only then would knife crime be taken more seriously.

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar, URC Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries, says: 'Following the tragic, violent, and senseless deaths of two teenagers – Jodie Chesney on 1 March, in Havering, and Yousef Ghaleb Makkie, on 2 March, in Greater Manchester – there are now high-profile calls for a knife tsar, increased policing, a petition for a Royal Commission to improve and protect policing, and Savid Javid MP, the Home Secretary, to make plans with police chiefs from the parts of the UK most affected by knife crime.'

'This is the response needed for these tragic situations, yet it leaves many wondering why this suggested action was not taken before?'

'All of these young lives matter. I pray that the response needed to tackle the violence is appropriate, addresses the systemic issues and is far-reaching so that no more lives will be lost in this senseless way.'



*Top Picture: A 27-foot high sculpture, by artist [Alfie Bradley](#), was made at the British Ironworks Centre in Oswestry, as a memorial to those whose lives have been affected by knife crime. More than 100,000 knives surrendered and collected from nationwide amnesties between 2015/2016 were used to create the sculpture. Courtesy of Janet Ulliott*

*Middle pictures: Karen Campbell, the URC's Luton-based CRCW, and a [Sky News](#) infograph showing a racial profile of, from left, the population, murder victims and murder suspects.*

*Bottom picture: The Knife Angel. Courtesy of Janet Ulliott*



Sharon and Sanjay hosted our first Family Film and Pizza Night on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and we were delighted to see so many attending in support of this new venture.

I arrived to find 18 Adults, 11 Children between the ages of 5 & 12, 1 pre-schooler, and a baby all eagerly awaiting the start of the film "The Miracle Maker" to be viewed on our new TV screen.

In the interval Pizza, Garlic Bread and Ice Lollies were enjoyed by the assembled audience provided by Sharon and Sanjay. Those in attendance donated generously towards the other event costs.

It was lovely to see so many children, parents and grandparents gathered together enjoying the film and each others company which I hope will be the first of many.

Special thanks to you both for putting forward this idea; to Wendy for preparing and hosting and to all who helped on the night.

Looking forward to the next film evening

Joyce



‘Through the Whisper project, Wendy participated with our borough council in organising a larger than usual HMD commemoration, including an event in Hawthorne theatre involving 100 pupils from local secondary schools, and an outdoor service and release of peace doves at the outdoor arena in front of Campus West. The mayor welcomed special guest Robert Voss, Lord Lieutenant of Herts. Several church members were able to attend.’



## CHURCH FAMILY CORNER

April and May are very popular months for birthdays so here goes with those in April.

Both Mary D. and Melvyn D. start us off on 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by Elspeth M. on 5<sup>th</sup>, Twins Howard & Alexander who will be 5 on 9<sup>th</sup>, Etta B. on 12<sup>th</sup>, Margaret T. on 15<sup>th</sup>, Karen Mc. on 18<sup>th</sup>, Skye who will be 12 on 20<sup>th</sup>, Graham D. on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Pat D. on 29<sup>th</sup>.

Moving on to May, 1<sup>st</sup> is Margaret K's birthday, followed by Luke A. who will be 8 on 5<sup>th</sup>, Joyce D. on 16<sup>th</sup>, Nano on 20<sup>th</sup>, Marianne on 25<sup>th</sup>, Theresa R. on 26<sup>th</sup> and Joan O. on 31<sup>st</sup>.

We send birthday congratulations and good wishes to all these friends and hope they enjoy their special days when they come.

Congratulations also to Nano & Howell who will be celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, followed by Irene & Roger who will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

John & I were invited to Alan & Evelyn Tyler's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebrations on 16<sup>th</sup> April down in Cliddesden, Hampshire where we enjoyed catching up with their family news. They have joined the URC church in Fleet and Helen & David live nearby with children Kirsty and James. Karen & Steven are in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA and now have American Citizenship.

We were also very pleased to see Michael Ansell and his family there and hear how they are all faring after the series of tragedies they suffered with the deaths of both the twins' parents and their grandmother, Margaret. Twins Austin and Thomas have joined Michael's son Andrew and his American wife Christine's own two children and the whole family have settled in Milton Keynes, with

Michael living nearby. We send our best wishes for the future to them all.

It was good to receive a card from Iris Waite recently telling us that she has settled happily into the care home at Foxholes in Hitchin.

We were pleased to hear that Melva is now home, but sorry to hear that Tim is still in hospital. We send our love and good wishes to them both and also to Janice and Wendy.

Joyce D. has recently visited Jan Hicks and he told her that he is having problems with his breathing and painful legs which prevent him getting out on his scooter now. He is very pleased to receive all the messages and flowers from the church and remains cheerful and optimistic, despite being housebound, with help from carers and one of his daughters. We send our love and good wishes to Jan and are grateful to Joyce for her visits to him.

We also hear that Eileen TW broke her shoulder while visiting her family in Australia and had to be accompanied on the flight home by her son. We send our love and good wishes to Eileen.

Please remember all those who are in need of our prayers and keep us informed of any others we should be concerned for.

Thank you

Ann Meers



## Community Outreach

Thank you for all the plastic bags we received. We are continuously blessed with trolley-loads of food donations from Sainsbury's and so unfortunately have used all the plastic bags we received. Should you have any extra plastic bags that you no longer need, please drop them off in the Foodbank basket, at the back of the Church. Thanks so much.

The Zion Foodbank is in its tenth year and gives out about 500 items of food per week. I was privileged to be invited for coffee and biscuits by them a few weeks ago, to hear about their history.

I have written a module on 'Health & Safety in the Kitchen' which Wendy and I will be covering in a workshop within the next few months with our lovely volunteers, who help in the 'Community Cafe' and at Breakfast Church. The module also includes food handling policies. I will also be inviting the volunteers from the Cellar Club. The module covers some of the items I learnt when I did my Health & Safety Certificate.

I attended a Community Inclusion Partnership meeting on 14 February. We had a presentation on the update of Universal Credit and a presentation about a draft proposal for the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

Joyce and I hosted the WGC Ministers Lunch mid March. Thanks to Carol, Hazel and Allison who all helped with the hospitality. There will be a service at Howardsgate at 11a.m.

on Good Friday, and everyone will be joining us at the URC for coffee and hot cross buns, afterwards. I have volunteered to do a Bible reading at the Howardsgate Good Friday Service.

About 50 people have so far signed up to go on the Canterbury Pilgrimage on 15 June - 10 of them are from the URC! It was decided that the coaches will be leaving from the Herts International Church in Mundells Way at 8 a.m. since they have a huge carpark which will accommodate all our vehicles.

Father Norbert is leading a 'Churches in WGC Pilgrimage' to Assisi and the Lands of St Francis on 24-29 May 2020. I have left information on the community board - do contact me if this is of interest to you. We have also earmarked a date for the 'Churches of WGC Centenary Service' which will be on Sunday 19 January 2020 at 4pm - more information to follow.

I recently joined a Facebook group and created weekly events on their Facebook page to invite the group members to our 'Community Cafe' on a Tuesday. Eight members of the group now come regularly and one of them has joined Knit & Natter and the Thursday Club.

I recently attended a Vision Day seminar in Luton. The training was about making new Disciples of Christ by developing fresh expressions of Church by equipping leaders. To transform communities we need to reach out to communities and share our knowledge of God and tell them

about the Love God has for us. We need to share the good news of our own experience and how it transformed our lives. Due to changing culture we need to use Fresh Expressions predominately to those who are not members of our congregation yet.

I also attended a Mission Champions Day in London hosted by HOPE. They explained that there could be several Mission Champions in a congregation. Their roles may include:

- Encouraging fellow church members to be involved in serving others in their community and making Christ known through their love and practical service. This can be done through hospitality and creating events (e.g. Easter Service, Harvest Festival etc) which are wonderful ways of creating awareness and inviting people into the church who usually do not attend.
- Motivating fellow church members to pray for their community, to speak about their faith with new confidence, to give of themselves in service, to give appropriate literature or other resources to their unchurched friends

I would like to thank each and everyone for their continued support in my role and if you haven't seen our lovely new blue chairs yet in the Upper Hall, please do go upstairs and feel how comfortable they are and how light they are to move around!

Thanks for reading - God Bless You.

Liz

We recently received a Legacy of £1,000 from our dear friend Edith Whiting. Known to us all from the original Woodhall Lane United Reformed Church as Edie who passed away a few months ago. Edie, along with her elder sister Grace and younger sister Joyce, who both passed in recent years, had been members of Woodhall Lane URC for a total of about 60 years having moved to the Garden City when they were young. Edie was a Lieutenant in the Girls Brigade and both her sisters were Officers. She was an enthusiastic church worker, was an elder and leader of Women's Fellowship for many years. She created beautiful pictures in cross stitch and embroidery of which many were displayed in their home. Edie was a keen reader and along with sister Joyce managed the Holiday Gifts stall at the annual fairs. In later years we used to manage the book stall together.

We visited Edie from time to time at the Enfield Nursing Home. She remembered her church life and individuals and took interest in any news of all involved with the Free Church and WHL URC as was in Edie's day before we amalgamated and became Welwyn Garden City United Reformed Church. Out of this very generous legacy we have purchased a new large television for our church use and still have a balance for another item to be purchased. We appreciate this wonderful gift that will always remind us of Edie.

Linda and Friends

## **BRINGING IN THE BIBLE.**

Brining in the Bible is an important part of our service and the Elders have discussed the best way to give this the respect that it deserves.

Originally, when we carried in the Bible, the congregation would stand. However, because of the social and friendly aspect of our members, we realised that often many people are still standing at the back of church chatting as the Bible is carried in. We don't want to stop you having a chat with your friends, you can catch up after the service, over a cup of tea.

To achieve a more acceptable atmosphere we are, in the future, using the alternative approach that we have been trying out over the last few weeks.

One of the Elders will come out of the Vestry and invite you all to take your seats and sit quietly for a few seconds. Then the Elder will light the Peace Candle and say a short prayer. Following this 'quiet time', you will be asked to stand as the Bible is carried in and placed on the lectern.

Thank you for your co-operation in introducing this slight change to our normal procedure.

## **CHURCH DIARY APRIL 2019**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Lent Course
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 11.30am 2-4pm 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Staff Meeting Thursday Club Cellar Lent Course at Sanjays
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Lent Course
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2.00 – 4.30pm	Breakfast Church Tea Dance
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 -11.30am	Morning Worship including Communion led by Mike Findley
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Lent Course
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	4.15-6pm	Cellar
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Lent Course Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Fellowship Lunch	10.00-10.45am  11am -12 noon	Family Friendly Service led by Wendy Morning Worship led by Martin McPhee
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Lent Course
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm	Baby Group

	7.30-8.30pm	Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	9.30-11.30am 2-4pm 4.15-6pm	Chatter'n Tots Thursday Club Cellar
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>Good Friday</b>	11am  1pm	United Morning Service at Howardsgate followed by Coffee and hot X buns at URC Decorate Church for Easter
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Easter Day</b>	8.30 am for 9am 10.30-11.30am	Easter Breakfast Easter Day Morning Worship including Communion led by Robert Harvey
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 1pm	Pop Up Spring Fayre
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-11.30am	All Together Morning Worship led by Jane
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm 7pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Elders

April dates Jane will be available at WGC (Subject to change)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **CHURCH DIARY May 2019**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30-11.30am 11.30am 2-4pm 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Staff Meeting Thursday Club Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Exploring the Bible
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2.00 – 4.30pm	Breakfast Church Tea Dance
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - 11.30am  3pm	Morning Worship including Communion led by Jane Time to Remember Tea
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week Fellowship Lunch	10.00-10.45am  11am -12 noon	Family Friendly Service led by Wendy Morning Worship led by Martin McPhee
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry



Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-11.30am  11.30am	Morning Worship led by the Worship Group Church Meeting to decide on Trial 2 tier Services
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-11.30am	All Together Morning Worship Led by Mike Findlay
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm 7pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Elders
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm 4.15-6pm	Thursday Club Cellar
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Exploring the Bible

May dates Jane will be available at WGC (Subject to change)

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>,

## What's on in Church April & May 2019

Group Name	Day	Time
Welwyn Garden Craft Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon)	Mon	2pm - 4pm
Strong Zumba	Mon	4.15pm-5.15pm
Men's Games Club	Mon	7pm - 10pm
Hatfield Tai Chi	Mon	7pm - 9pm
Pregnancy Yoga	Mon	7.30pm - 9pm
HomeStart Parent & Toddler Group	Tues	10am - 12noon
Community Coffee Morning	Tues	10am - 12noon
Lunchtime Discussion Group	Tues	12.30pm - 2pm
Slimming World	Tues	3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm
CBT Skills Group	Tues	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Knit and Natter (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)	Wed	10am - 12noon
Carers in Herts (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)	Wed	12noon - 2pm
AA Meeting	Wed	12.30pm-1.30pm
Baby Group	Wed	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Zumba	Wed	4.15pm-5.15pm
NHS Carers (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	Wed	6pm - 7.30pm
Somewhere2sing	Wed	7pm-9pm
Christian Meditation	Wed	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Pregnancy Yoga	Wed	7.30pm - 9pm
Chatter & Tots	Thurs	9.30am - 11.15am
Thursday Club Social Group for 50+ (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Thurs	2pm - 4pm
Cellar Club - Food for the Homeless & Vulnerable	Thurs	4.15pm - 6.30pm
Slimming World	Thurs	5 - 9pm
WGC Folk Dance Club	Thurs	8pm - 10pm
Trefoil Guild (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs)	Thurs	8pm -10pm
Explore The Bible & Prayer Group	Fri	10am - 11.30am
Start to do Art	Fri	1pm - 2pm
Parent & Tiddlers (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri)	Fri	2pm - 3.30pm
Archaeological Society (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri)	Fri	8pm - 10pm
Slimming World	Sat	7.30-12.30pm
Breakfast Church (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)	Sat	10am - 11.30am
Tea Dance (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)	Sat	2pm - 4pm
Chiltern West Gallery Quire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	Sat	2pm - 5pm
Worship Service	Sun	10.30am - 12noon