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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing there is a loop system in operation.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Thank you everyone for your Easter offerings of £158.06 to WaterAid. This money will be used to help give clean water and toilets and washing facilities to over 28 different countries. If you have any money for WaterAid at home, please bring it with you and give to Mike our Treasurer. Thank you

This Sunday: 10.30 Mr Adam Longhurst

Offerings: Please remember to place any offerings in the basket as you enter the church, so it is ready to be brought forward at the appropriate time in the service.

Next Sunday There will no service in Toothill Church. Sunday Worship will be a 10.30 am Partnership Service for us all at Holy Trinity Shaw and will include the Baptism of Norma Miller.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

The link for the online URC service for you to use if you wish. <https://devotions.urc.org.uk/>

By using the same link, you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day.

Sunday's service will be led by the Revd. David Coleman.

David is a URC minister serving in an ecumenical role as Chaplain to EcoCongregation Scotland. We will be exploring the story of 'Doubting Thomas', as well as picking up on Environment themes from COP26.

Hymns include Charles Wesley's Love Divine, a rousing Will Your Anchor Hold and George Herbert's Let All The World In Every Corner Sing.

The service will be sent out, as normal, at 9.45 on Sunday morning for a 10am start.

with every blessing,

Dan Morrell

Technical Assistant, Daily Devotion Sunday Services from the URC

Advance Notice of Church Closure for one week

The church will be closed from Monday 9th May until Friday 13th May inclusive. This is to allow essential maintenance work to take place. Contractors will have sole use of the church for this week.

Activities in Toothill Church

Monday	10.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 U3A History Group every two weeks	Next 2 nd May
Monday	17.00 West Swindon Youth Club	Every week term time only
Monday	18.30 New Generation Dance Club 11yrs upwards	Every week term time only
Tuesday	10.00 U3A Travel Group	Next 3 rd May
Tuesday	16.30 News Generation Dance Club 4yrs – 10 years	Every week term time only
Wednesday	10.45 – 12.15 Music Group Every second and fourth Wed	Next 11 th May (Nicky's House)
Wednesday	19.30 Bible Study	TBA
Thursday	10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies	Every week
Thursday	18.00 – 20.00 Toothill Big Lottery Community Meeting	Next 19 th May
Friday	14.00 U3A Craft Group every two weeks	Next 6 th May
Friday	17.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only
Sundays	Polish Church 13.00 – 17.00 Mr Krzysztof Widomski	First Sunday of each month

Ann Hall

It is with sadness we announce the death of Ann Hall a long-term member of Toothill Church who died peacefully on Palm Sunday evening. John her lifelong friend from London came to our Palm Sunday service and after a light lunch with us we went to see Ann in the nursing home. We gave her a palm cross and a prayer bookmark which was read to her, before we left her, we all held hands and prayed. Ann died later in the evening.

Ann moved to Swindon with the Bible Society and found her church with us at Toothill. Ann was heavily involved in the church and became an editor of the newsletter in the early days of the church.

Our thoughts and prayers and condolences go to Avril her nearest relative and Ann's cousins and to John her lifelong friend. Ann's funeral will be at Kingsdown Crematorium on Friday, 6th May 2022 at 1:30 pm.



Prayer for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying.

Please pray for:

Alex, Anna and Olivia fleeing from the Ukraine

Norma Miller

Sean and Di

Rachel Dowling's Family including Debbie and Mark

Jan and Gordon,

Gerry and all the family,

Bill and Rhoda,

Ann Beaumont,

Graham's cousin Hayley,

Sarah and her family,

Hazel,

And all those you know who need God's special love, care and healing.

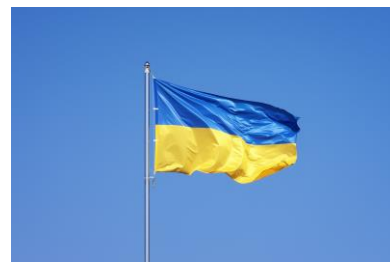
We pray for our ministers Clive, Rachael, Trevor, and Mark Tidey and all our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges.

Please pray for your home congregation that they may be strengthened, and for the continuing work with our children, young people and families in West Swindon.
We pray for Grace, Peace and a way forward in your Love.
May we continually thank God for his great Love and Faithfulness.

Prayers for Peace - Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



Prayer – Witnesses

Jesus, we are witnesses of your Glory,
The resurrection and the life.
We desire to honour you, by *Living* the gospel!
Forgive us when powers of human authority
Silence compassion and neighbourly love.

We are witnesses of your Glory, Lord.
Help us to follow your voice,
And strengthen our character to share your compassion and love.
In a world where some would want us to be silent, unbind us,
And help us to speak truth with love. Amen

Stephen Anso-Addo URC Prayer handbook

DG4J (Day-group for Jesus)

Summer Programme Apr 22 to Jul 22 Meeting Via Zoom– 10:00am to 12:00pm

Monday, 9th May 22 – Mission – Leader Pete (LLG)
Monday, 23rd May 22 – Meekness and Submission 1 – Leader Edward
Monday, 6th June 22 – Meekness and Submission 2 - Leader Angela
Monday, 20th June 22 – Kenosis 1 – Leader Lis
Monday, 4th July 22 – Kenosis 2 – Leader Angela
Monday, 18th July 22 – Climate Change Update – Leader Edward
Ethos – ‘All’ are warmly welcome to join our meetings.

For further details contact:

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Zoom Meeting details are: Click on link below to join meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497

Passcode: 181042

Dial-in Number: 0330 088 5830

Motto:

The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God,

Note: The dates for meetings can also be found on Holy Trinity Shaw's website: <http://htschurch.org.uk/>



The URC

Like all denominations food is important in our churches. URCs and other denominations regularly celebrate the meal we call communion. Bread and wine will be placed on a table and shared with each other as we remember Jesus dying for us and celebrate his being with us today.

Some churches use one common cup that is passed to all those taking part. In others, elders serve the congregation by handing out bread and individual cups to people where they sit. (Now used widely due to Covid)

In the URC, only Ministers of the Word and Sacraments and others specially authorised to do so can offer communion. We take communion as part of the universal church, and welcome all who wish to share in the meal.

Some services, like Messy Church, include food as well as events, picnics, BBQs and harvest suppers, bring and share lunches.

Food is also a large part of the URCs mission and outreach. Many of our churches have cafes that serve their communities, or offer meals for seniors, the homeless or dementia groups. Others are involved in food banks and free meals for school age children.

[Trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau and the Holy Land](#)

Revd Paul Snell (County Ecumenical Officer for Churches Together in Devon) is leading a 10 day pilgrimage to visit the Passion Play in Oberammergau followed by the Holy Land, from 7th - 16th September this year. This is a unique opportunity to cover two sought after visits in one journey.

We fly to Munich, travelling on to Oberammergau, stay over for two nights to see the play (full board on this section of the trip) and then fly on to the Holy Land for a 7 day tour with 3 days in Jerusalem (including Bethlehem), a day visiting the Dead Sea and Masada, and 2 days in Galilee followed by a final day travelling via the Mediterranean coast and Caesarea.

This part of the trip is Half Board. We stay in good quality hotels, travel by private coach, have our own local guide and the trip includes full entrance fees to all sites.

There is an option of staying on for a further 3 days in Jerusalem.

Full details can be found via these links for the brochure and online booking form. No deposits are required at this stage because of the current ongoing pandemic but will be requested sometime in May.

<http://www.maranatha.co.uk/PassionPlay2022RevPaulSnell/e-brochure.pdf>

<http://www.maranatha.co.uk/PassionPlay2022RevPaulSnell/RegForm/index.html>



May Services

Sunday 1st

10.30 Partnership Service at HTS + baptism of Norma Miller.

Sunday 8th

10.30 Mr David Hoar and Mrs Pat Watson

Sunday 15th

10.30 Mr Mark Dowling

Sunday 22nd

10.30 Rev Capt. Clive Deverell

Sunday 29th

10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

June Services

Sunday 5th	10.00 Angela Mac/Team of Westlea Church – Westlea School
Sunday 12th	10.30 Rev Mark Tidey
Sunday 19th	10.30 Rev Mark Tidey
Sunday 26th	10.30 Rev Gerald England

Peace begins with a smile – Horses



Did you hear about the man who went to the hospital with six plastic horses inside him? The doctor described his condition as stable.

A pony goes to the doctor and tells him, “Doc, I think I’m dying. I have this terrible sore throat.” The doctor assures him, “It’s okay—you’re just a little horse.”

What is the best type of story to tell a runaway horse?
How do you make a small fortune on horse racing?

A tale of WHOA!
Start with a large fortune.

Toothill Church website

Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary’s Lydiard Tregoze. Our members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church and Methodist.

