



**Today's worship will be at Holy Trinity Shaw for a Partnership Service including Baptism of Norma Miller**



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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.

### This Sunday:

There will be 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.

### Next Sunday

Mr David Hoar and Mrs Pat Watson

### 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.unc.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. Nicola Furley-Smith. Nicola is a URC Minister of Word and Sacraments currently serving as the denomination's Secretary for Ministries, based at Church House. In this fishy service, we will be exploring St John's account of the disciples discovering Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias. Hymns include Jesus calls us o'er the tumult, John Bell's Will you come and follow me and Alan Gaunt's rousing Eternal God, Your love's tremendous glory.

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 9<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. This is to allow essential maintenance work to take place. Contractors will have sole use of the church for this week.

### Message from our Treasurer

I know that our giving to the Lord's work takes on many forms. However, in my role as your treasurer over the last two years I have been overwhelmed by the financial generosity shown by all of you on so many occasions. Thanks to your faithful giving we have survived the tumultuous events of the recent past and Toothill Church's finances are now well on the road to a healthy recovery. Thank you everyone. To God be the glory!

With love and blessings to all of you

Mike

(Toothill Church Treasurer)

## Activities in Toothill Church

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

### Barbara Watson

It is with sadness we announce the death of Barbara Watson who died Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the care home where she has lived for a while.

Barbara was best known for her beautiful flower displays in the church and could always be relied on to produce something spectacular for those special occasions and was a valuable member of Jan's house group with a deepening faith.

Barbara was one of the trio of dedicated people who ran Lunch bunch, she made amazing leek and potato soup and mince pies that melted in the mouth.

Our thoughts and prayers go to her daughter Helen and son-in-law, Gary Kenyan and her grandchildren. Rev Mike Dilly will be taking the funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium on at 12.45 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.



### Ann Hall

Rev Mark Tidey will be taking Ann Hall's funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 1:30 pm. This will be followed by refreshments at the Bakers Arms Beechcroft Road. Please can you let either Nicky or David know if you wish to go. Thank you.

### 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: Debbie, John Barlatt, Helen and Gary Kenyan, 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 - Be Still

Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God.

Get comfortable.  
Let the tension fall from your body... shake yourself down....

Focus on your breathing.  
Breathe slowly in and out.  
As you breathe in, breathe the peace of God.  
As you breathe out, let go of all the tension and se still.  
Peace... be still  
Peace... be still

Breath out all the striving, all the battling with God and with others... be still  
Peace... be still  
Peace... be still

Breathe out all the used-up stuff. All that is now spent and worthless, the spent carbon dioxide of our sinful natures... and breathe in the renewing freshness of God's Spirit, the clean oxygen of the breath of God.  
Peace... be still  
Peace... be still

Breathe out all the business and demands that lay heavily upon you... breathe in the peace and rest of companionship with God.  
Peace... be still  
Peace... be still

Be still and know that I am God,  
Be still and know that I am God,  
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*Adapted from a prayer by Rev Nick Stanyon URC Minister West Midlands Synod*

**DG4J (Day-group for Jesus) Summer Programme**  
**Meeting Via Zoom– 10:00am to 12:00pm**

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



## The URC

Celebrating is an important part of the life of the church. We celebrate Christian festival, such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, as well as playing an important role in the celebration of people's lives, for example at weddings, baptisms and funerals.



When we do things well. Its good to celebrate it. Local churches may apply to be an Eco-Church or Congregation, or to be recognised as Intercultural churches, dementia Friendly churches, and Child and Youth Friendly churches.

Each we are invited to celebrate special Sundays such as Racial Justice Sunday, Environment Sunday and Education Sunday. The monthly Lundie Medal celebrates children and young people who have made a difference by playing their part in the mission of God.

Music plays an important part in URC worship as it does in other denominations and in 1991 they produced their own hymn book "Rejoice and Sing" (Toothill Church has purchased the new Methodist Hymn Book " Singing the Faith") No matter what Hymn book is used there are hymns and songs for all occasions some old some new. It is the act of communal singing and worship that lifts the soul and praises God.

### May Services

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Mr David Hoar and Mrs Pat Watson
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Mr Mark Dowling
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 Rev Capt. Clive Deverell
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

### June Services

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

### Peace begins with a smile – and some feline jokes



What do cats like to eat on a hot day?	A mice-cream cone!
Why do cats always get their way?	They are very purr-suasive!
What's a cat's favourite magazine?	Good Mousekeeping!
Why was the cat afraid of the tree?	Because of its bark
What is a cat's favourite movie?	The Sound of Mewsic!
What's a cat's favourite game to play with a mouse?	Catch!

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