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Theme: My Unfailing Friend



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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: Mr David Hoar and Mrs Pat Watson

Next Sunday Mr Mark Dowling

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 Kirsty Mabbott. Kirsty is a Church Related Community Worker in Coventry. We will be exploring the story of Tabitha from the Acts of the Apostles. Hymns include a rousing rendition of To God be the glory, The King of Love My Shepherd Is and John Bell's The Sorrow - I hadn't listened to this song before editing the service and I have to say, it's stunning.

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.

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

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

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 Kenyon, 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.

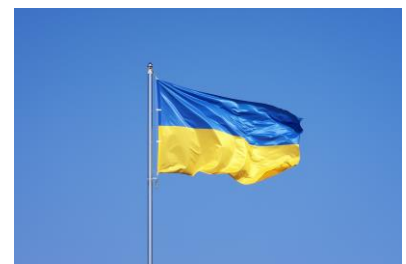
Please pray for your home congregation that they may be strengthened, and for the continuing work with our children, young people and families in West Swindon.

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

We turn to you, O God, and find you coming to meet us.
You inhabit our hopes with creative love;
You hold battered lives in scarred hands;
You catch us up to dance towards fullness of life.
We meet you, O God; life giver, heart changer, breath taker...
Sustain us, heal us, renew us, this day and forever more. Amen

DG4J (Day-group for Jesus) Summer Programme

Meeting Via Zoom– 10:00am to 12:00pm

Bible study

Our Bible study has not yet restarted but if you wish to join the Partnership Bible study the details are below.

SPOTLIGHT RESTARTS ON WEDNESDAY 04 MAY

Our weeks can get very busy, especially now with our lives opening up again as the pandemic fades. So, what better time to put a note in the diary to tune in to our occasional one-hour, mid-week, Zoom 'get togethers'?

Those of us who have taken part already in our Spotlight group over the past year have found it a valuable opportunity to pause and reflect as we shine a 'spotlight' on a short Bible passage, listen to each others' thoughts on it and learn to hear God's voice more for ourselves in our daily lives. You don't need to do any preparation as the Bible verses will be shown on screen. Just bring yourself (and a cuppa?) and we look forward very much to 'seeing' you at the first of our new series on 4 May at 7.30pm. The link below will work for all the meetings.

If you would like to come, but lack the technical knowhow, please contact me before the first meeting and we'll try to help - all you need is a digital device such as a smart phone, an iphone, tablet or laptop. (Susan: white1family@talktalk.net or tel 01793 878334)

Further meeting dates: May 18, June 8, June 22

Susan, Julian and Lis

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85054218765?pwd=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVldz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004

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



The URC

Sharing and exploring the word of God together is an important part of our faith.

A URC service might start with the Bible being carried in, then follow the pattern of preparing to listen to the word, hearing the word and responding to the word.

We share and explore the Bible together, perhaps through a sermon, Godly Play, storytelling café-style church and discussions, small group Bible studies, and Messy Church.

Discipleship is lifelong learning together.

The URC has three Resource Centres for learning that provide formal training and education. (The Scottish College, Cambridge, and Northern College in Manchester) (*Manchester was my training for being a Lay Preacher - David*)

In 2019, the URC launched Stepwise, which is accessible for ALL ages and stages in the URC as part of ongoing discipleship.

From Pilots, serving children and young people since 1936, and Congregationalists developing junior church after the Second World War, to Forest Church today, many churches continue to find new and exciting ways to engage with all ages – not least by creative responses to the Covid pandemic restrictions.



May Services

Sunday 15 th	10.30 Mr Mark Dowling
Sunday 22 nd	10.30 Rev Capt. Clive Deverell
Sunday 29 th	10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

June Services

Sunday 5th

Sunday 12th

Sunday 19th

Sunday 26th

10.00 Angela Mac/Team of Westlea Church – Westlea School

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10.30 Rev Gerald England

Peace begins with a smile – Farmers



As farmers, we hear a lot of jokes about sheep. We'd tell them to the dog, but he'd herd them all!

Did you hear about the magic tractor?

It turned into a field!

What did the mummy cow say to the baby cow?

It's pasture bedtime!

Why do you think the cow jumped over the moon?

Because the farmer had cold hands.

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