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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 Mark Dowling

Next Sunday Rev Capt. Clive Deverell and Karen Vermeersch Licensed Lay Minister in Formation (LLMiF),

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.urch.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. Andy Braunston, Minister for Digital Worship. Andy's service will include Holy Communion so if you wish to partake please have some bread and wine (or equivalents) in your setting. We will hear a large variety of music from various cultures and backgrounds. It's sure to be a great one!

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

New Sound System

Nicky and I are not in church this weekend to hear our new sound system working, but Mark Dowling will have the pleasure of being the first person to use it. Our thanks must go to Emmanuel Bondah for stripping out all the old system wiring and speakers; there were miles of cables. Emmanuel has also built the new platform at the rear of the church for the new control system to be installed on. The platform is higher than the previous one because when the church is full it was very difficult to see over the heads of people. We look forward to experimenting with what the new system can do.

The organ and the electric piano as well as the tv monitor will all be included in the system along with the ability to have up to seven microphones working in a service.

We apologise for the disruption to the weekday activities this week while the system was installed.

Activities in Toothill Church

Monday	10.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 U3A History Group every two weeks	Next 16 th 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 24 th 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 25 th May
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 20 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: Sean and Di, Debbie, John Barlatt, Helen and Gary Kenyon, Alex, Anna and Olivia fleeing from the Ukraine, Norma Miller, 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, Karen Veermersch, 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.

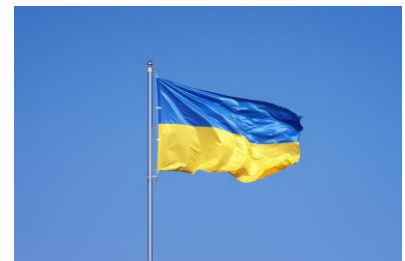
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

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



News from Uganda

Good evening brothers and sisters in Christ. Let God be glorified for the gift of life.

Today, 9th May, 2022, schools in Uganda have reopened for term two.

I am happy to inform you that my Deputy graduated last Friday (Masters degree).

Two pigs of ours produced some piglets two weeks back. One produced six and another one seven piglets.

Every blessing,

Samuel.

Prayer Follow me

Beyond Easter,

The risen Christ seeks to break into the ordinariness of our lives with loving and challenging abundance, reminding us that we are gifted with the means to:

feed the hungry

clothe the naked,

home the homeless

right the wronged,

comfort the joyless, find the lost.

All this, Lord, you offer us in two words.

Remind us of them.

Take us to where we can hear them, if we are attentive, they will break into the ordinariness of our lives. Let them make themselves heard with challenging, yet loving invitation.

'Follow me'

Toothill Church Bible study

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

SPOTLIGHT WEDNESDAY 18th May at 7.30pm

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 other's 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.

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: 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

We gather together regularly in our local churches, as well as at Synod (regional) meetings, Big Days Out, Youth Assembly and General Assembly.

These are opportunities to share our news, make decisions and direct the future life of the church, as well as enjoy fun and fellowship.

Different networks of support particular emphases within the life of the church, such as the Group for Evangelism and Renewal (GEAR), Free to believe, Together Ethnic and Minority URC, URC Spirituality, Cascades of Grace, URC Holiday Forum, Racial Justice Advocates, URC History Society, and the URC Guide and Scout Fellowship.

Reform magazine was founded in 1972 as a forum for news, comment, inspiration and debate, and a digital version was launched in 2015. It also celebrates its 50th birthday in 2022.

News, resources and information are shared through the URC website, social media channels, newsletters and YouTube.

Our archive collection, launched in 2012, tells the story of the whole URC from its foundation in 1972 to the present day.

It documents every area of our life and is housed in the Congregational Library at Dr Williams Library in London.



[URC 50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE](#)

Free tickets are now available for the United Reformed Church 50th Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving taking place on 1 October 2022, at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the United Reformed Church took place in 1972.

There is also an Open Church House event from 10am and a Walk to Westminster at 1pm before the service starts at 2.30pm. Book your free tickets at bit.ly/urc50

[May Services](#)

[Sunday 22nd](#) 10.30 Rev Capt. Clive Deverell and Karen Veermersch

[Sunday 29th](#) 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

[June Services](#)

[Sunday 5th](#) **10.00 Angela Mac/Team of Westlea Church Partnership Service – 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 – Farming](#)



"Daisy, have you heard?"

"Moo. Heard what Buttercup?"

"There's going to be a Farmers Market at the town hall next week."

"That's good, let's sell our farmer and see if we can get a better one."

The shepherd took his cross-eyed dog to the vet.

The vet picked the dog up to examine him and said, "I'm going to have to put him down." The shepherd said, "It's not that bad is it?" "No," said the vet, "he's just very heavy."

Why had the farmer buried cash in his soil? He wanted to make his farmland rich.

[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.

