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Toothill Church Newsletter

'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



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For contacting, various groups see the front page of Toothill Church Website. 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: Rev Capt. Clive Deverell and Karen Vermeersch Licensed Lay Minister in Formation (LLMiF),

Next Sunday Rev Mark Tidey

For Members who are unable to get to church.

The link for the online URC service for you to use if you wish. <u>https://devotions.urc.org.uk/</u> 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. Paul Robinson. Paul is a minister in North Wales. Hymns include Stuart Townend's Come people othe risen King, WIlliam Rees' Here is Love vast as the ocean finishing with Go Forth and Tell.

The service will be sent out, as normal, at 9.45 on Sunday morning for a 10am start. If you have any problems receiving it please read on for advice.

with every blessing,

Dan Morrell

Technical Assistant, Daily Devotion Sunday Services from the URC Activities in Toothill Church

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Saturday 11th June Love Toothill

Come and enjoy yourself at our second "Love Toothill" day. There will be bouncy castles, drumming workshop, a chill out area for little ones, and plenty of food including hot dogs,, burgers, sandwiches, tea coffee, juice and cakes. A day for all the family and its free. Time: 10.00 – 1.30pm Please put this date in your diary.

Partnership News;

Ron Brock

Dear friends, Last Friday (13th) we were sadly informed our friend Ron Brock died. We give thanks for his love and commitment to St Mary's, the Bible Society and his family. Please hold Jean and their children in our prayers. Rest in Peace faithful servant. Revd Capt Clive Deverell on behalf of the Ministry Leadership Team

Andy Bissex

Dear All,

Following a successful stage 2 advisory panel Andy Bissex has been selected for incumbent status priestly ministry within the Church of England.

Andy, will continue to work at the Bible Society and will study for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon. We look forward to supporting him on his journey.

Please continue to pray for Andy, Helen and the wider family at this time.

With thanks

Rev Capt Clive Deverell C.A. B.A. Hons

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: Jean Brock and Family, Sean and Di, Debbie, John Barlatt, Helen and Gary Kenyon, Alex, Anna and Olivia who have fled 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

Prayer

<u>Un-rush!</u> God-in-Christ-who-will-not-be-rushed, Help us to see that the more we hurry The less we share in flourishing living.

May your Spirit Calm us of our "rushing" tendencies Kindle in us the desire to delight in the goodness around us Forgive us of the urge to "do more" as "proof or our humility".

Help us to take time – listen to one another So that together our spirits may begin to expand and be filled with generous thoughts. Michael N Jagessar URC Prayer Handbook

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 18 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 next of our new series on 18 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 meeting and we'll try to help - all you need is a digital device such as a smartphone, iphone, tablet or laptop. (Susan: <u>white1family@talktalk.net</u> 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=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVIdz09 Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004



<u>The URC</u>

IN 2022, the URC celebrates its 50th Anniversary, Its Golden Jubilee Year. The URC is committed to God and each other, to walking the way – living the life of Jesus today, together.

Since 1972 The URC has a strong tradition of social justice and missional engagement. We work with other denominations through the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) to research and campaign on issues such as debt, climate change, refugees, food poverty, and homelessness. We partner with Christian Aid and Global Justice. Now through Commitment for Life to engage with, and support, people across the world to tackle poverty, education, and climate justice.

Through the Council for World Mission, we are in partnership with 31 other churches around the world. Together, we are reflecting on how to respond to historic transatlantic slavery and legacies of ongoing racism and injustice. We are also becoming alert to the reality of modern-day slavery, and our responsibilities to prevent it and not benefit from it.

In local projects, and supported by Church Related Community Workers, we pursue a vision of everyone living in a supportive community, unburdened by debt, and with fair access to all they need.



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

June Services

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

Peace begins with a smile



Why do cows wear bells? Because their horns don't work.
What is the longest word in the English language?
'Smiles'. Because there is a mile between its first and last letters.
What government agency is responsible for finding lost vicars?
The Bureau of Missing Parsons.
Did you hear about the man who was convicted of stealing luggage from the

airport? He asked for twenty other cases to be taken into account.

Last night a man fell into a barrel of beer and drowned: he came to a bitter end.

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.

