# Toothill Church Newsletter

## 'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



## **Rev Mark Tidey**



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Toothill Church website: <u>www.toothillchurch.org.uk</u>

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 Mark Tidey

Next Sunday 10.00 Partnership Pentecost service at Westlea School – Angela Mak

#### For Members who are unable to get to church.

The link for the online URC service for you to use if you wish. <a href="https://devotions.urc.org.uk/">https://devotions.urc.org.uk/</a>
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. Fleur Houston. Fleur is a retired URC minister living in Macclesfield in Cheshire, part of the North Western Synod. Hymns include O Jesus I have promised, Lord of Life we come to you and Son of God, Eternal Saviour.

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**

Monday	10.00 The Hub	Every week
Monday	14.00 U3A History Group every two weeks	Next 6 <sup>th</sup> June
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 21 <sup>st</sup> June
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 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
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 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday	14.00 U3A Craft Group every two weeks	Next 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Friday	17.00 Friday Club	Every week term time only

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



There will be a Platinum Jubilee Service in St Mary's at 8.30 pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, followed by lighting the Jubilee Beacon in Lydiard Park at 9.30 pm.

The church bells will be rung prior to this Service.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10am is a Partnership Service for Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Westlea Church.

#### 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 – 2.00pm Please put this date in your diary.



#### **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: Emma and Chris, 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 Enough**

God, as I pray today, help me to know that You are listening. Help me to see that You turn your gentle face towards me, And here my trouble – even the trouble that is beyond words.

Help me to remember that You see my struggle, for You are steadfast.

Steadfast. Ever-lasting and loving God – let me lean on You and find my rest. Renew my soul in You and let me breathe your Peace again.

And, as I breathe through today, help me to know that breathing is enough that I am more than enough, for I am loved and held and kept by You\* Amen

Sian Jones URC Prayer Handbook

\*After Julian of Norwich - Revelations of Divine Love.

#### **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: 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=OGNES0c5VVVING5tZkV5VDJzSXVIdz09

Meeting ID: 850 5421 8765 Passcode: 049004



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#### The URC

When we meet together as the family of God, we are offered gifts and opportunities to take away as we leave. No one should leave empty handed.

As disciples of Jesus, we take with us the good news of Jesus to share with others. We take with us faith, hope and love to flood our communities.

We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for everyone.

At the end of a service, we usually offer each other a blessing to take with us as we go out from worship. One Blessing from *Worship from the United Reformed Church* says:

Let us go out into the world, as bringers of peace, as messengers of hope knowing that the blessing of God, the source of life, and of the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of life, is with us today, tomorrow and for ever.

Amen

#### **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**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Angela Mac/Team of Westlea Church Partnership Service – Westlea School

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

**July Services** 

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 HTS Rev Rachael Wilson (Last service as our minister) + Baptism of Norma

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10,30 TBA

Sunday 31st 10.30 Mr David Hoar

## Peace begins with a smile - Odds



A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalafications.

Why did the tomato blush? Because it saw the salad dressing.

Why is the beach always so confident? It's 100% shore.

What goes through towns, up hills, and down hills but never moves? The road!

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.

#### **Toothill Church Website**

