

The Broadsheet



August/September 2022



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Exciting, Changing Times

CHANGE -What is it? What does it mean? How do we react to it? Are we afraid of it?

The thought of CHANGE conjures up so many different feelings and reactions – some positive but often many negative. But why? We have faced changes every day of our lives – starting school, starting work, moving house etc. We look forward to holidays or a few days away saying “a change is as good as a rest”.

The world is changing so quickly – organisations, businesses and shops we have known all our lives no longer exist. Values, principles and behaviours are changing so that it is easy to feel lost and insecure. Our climate is changing faster than we could ever have imagined.

Even the Church is changing – both in the wider world and within the URC. We no longer have a dedicated minister all to ourselves. The shortage of ministers is giving rise to shared pastorates, joint services with other denominations, LEPs. Should we just consider how this affects us as individuals or consider how our church can best provide for the needs of the whole local community regardless of whether they currently attend church.

All these issues need to be shared and discussed and we will have an opportunity to do this on our planned “Away Day” in November.

While we consider these let us not forget that God is waiting to give us reassurance and guidance if only we are prepared to find time to listen to Him.

Christine Browne

Services in August and September

All services start at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the Church Hall after the service.

Sunday 7th August Revd. K Louch

Sunday 14th August Su Bailey

Sunday 21st August

Sunday 28th August Revd. Mike Harrison

Sunday 4th September Revd Brian Clarke

Sunday 11th September Julie Jefferies

Sunday 18th September

Sunday 25th September Harvest Service—Worship Group

Birthday Celebrations

9th August Margaret Harrington

25th August Kathy Hancock

8th September Kathryn Louch

17th September Michael Davies

22nd September Roger Harrington

25th September Naomi Campbell

27th September Jenny Hemming

30th September Alan Miller



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| Elder | Christine Browne |
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Sunday 7th August

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| Welcome | Judith Gibbons |
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| Reading | Jenny Hemmings |
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| Coffee | Judy Aiton and Margaret Harrington |
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| Flowers | Wyn Whitten |
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Sunday 14th August

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| Welcome | Christine Browne |
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| Reading | Julie Stickler |
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| Coffee | Judith Gibbons and Chrissie Elliott |
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Sunday 21st August

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| Welcome | Bruce Wallace |
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| Reading | Margaret Harrington |
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| Coffee | Pat Wallace and Pat Aberdein |
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| Flowers | Kathryn Louch |
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Sunday 28th August

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| Welcome | Sue Jones |
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| Reading | Marilyn Watts |
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| Coffee | Ann and Chris Walters |
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| Flowers | Marion Tunwell |
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Sunday 4th September

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| Welcome | Judy Aiton |
| Reading | Wyn Whitten |
| Coffee | Wyn Whitten and Judith Gibbons |
| Flowers | Marilyn Wattts |

Sunday 11th September

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| Welcome | Jenny Hemmings |
| Reading | Judith Gibbons |
| Coffee | Christine and Noel Kershaw |
| Flowers | |

Sunday 18th September

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| Welcome | Wyn Whitten |
| Reading | Ann Walters |
| Coffee | Margaret Harrington and Judith Gibbons |
| Flowers | |

Sunday 25th September

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| Welcome | Judith Gibbons |
| Reading | Sue Jones |
| Coffee | Julie Stickler and Christine Browne |
| Flowers | Sue Jones |

Eco garden - a blooming great second year

Springing into its second year our church eco garden looks and smells simply wonderful.

The thriving diversity of plants has encouraged bird and insect life that are enjoyed by all who spend time in the church garden and Hall. Oh, and in the bird box which is home to a family of Great Tits.



We'll be seeing if some of the plants can be split and transplanted to other parts of the garden.

Playgroup have created a mud kitchen and we'll be adding to the sensory garden in the autumn.

Our 50trees initiative to celebrate 50 years since the URC was formed includes exploring the addition of 2 trees on church land.

Well done everyone who has contributed, including the ongoing topping up of bird feeders and water bowls.

A particular thank you to Judith Bannister for her knowledge, cheerful gardening, and donation of selective plants that she propagated at home.



Mark Pickering

Prayer for Healthcare for the World

Charles Jolly

Life-giving God,

We pray for a new Earth where individuals matter more than profits;
where women and children are empowered;

where special need, ill-health, other ability or disadvantage is no bar
to a fulfilling life;

where vested interests do not prevent anyone from accessing
medical treatment.

We ask for clean water, decent sanitation, living space and health
education for all people, especially those forced to crowd together in
vast conurbations,

Above all, we thank you for ordinary people making change happen:
Village Health Workers in Zimbabwe teaching Covid-19 precautions to
remote communities;

The Shisamondnay Forum in Bangladesh, promoting healthy
vegetables for children to eat;

UNES in Central America working with local health teams to tackle
environmental health problems.

The Palestinian Agricultural Development Association and YMCA
rehabilitation programme for people injured in conflict.

And for every unsung hero whose love, your love, overflows into
selfless action. For the sake of Jesus Christ who came to heal this
suffering world. Amen.

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the back of the Church

Closing date for articles 21st September 2022

Please remember there will be no Broadsheet in September

Prayer for the legacy we leave behind Kerry McMenamin (Christian Aid)

Generous God, your blessings in our lifetime are immeasurable. We are humbled and grateful. We thank you for material gifts of a safe home, food to eat and clothes to wear. We thank you for your beautiful creation, with life growing all around us. We thank you for the love of friends and family who are with us for all our precious moments. When we look ahead to the day when you will eventually take us home, let us not be afraid or feel sad for the things that we will leave behind. Let us rejoice in the lasting legacy that we can pass on to others through our values, our talents, and our generosity with your blessings. We know that everything we have is yours and so what we leave behind matters, to our family, our church, and our wider global neighbours. Give us a generous heart so that we may plant seeds of your love to flourish for generations to come. Amen.