



HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this we may know the next milestone on our journey out of the restrictions which have been needful during the worst of the pandemic. What we do realise, is that many things will be different from now on. We will probably have to continue to be careful in public places and accept that there will be another annual vaccine for most people. Many are also realising that we will have to treat nature with more care and respect. We need to be more local, in our shopping and our growing of food. Our communities will be a vital part of finding better ways to live.

And of course church is a part of the network of local community. The basis of being church is trust in God's love for all, seen in Jesus, and in the Spirit of God guiding people. Church is for all and any who would like to explore the way of Jesus. And church is also open for the many things, not necessarily religious, which make community. As church opens up, there is much to do. If you would like to express your commitment as a church member, you will be very welcome. If you are a member already, could your next calling be to eldership in the United Reformed Church, sharing in the spiritual and practical leadership of the local church? Please pray for all the churches locally and for our community, as we seek new ways to help our community thrive. Stephen

WELCOME BACK

We are now opening up as much as we can, keeping in mind the guidelines at the time. The elders have worked hard to oversee the church during this very difficult time. In order to help keep the church going, 3 elders have continued to serve, even though they are due to stand down, and a former elder has stepped up to help. We are now looking for new elders to join (members only). We would appreciate any help that you can give to give the church a new start. We would like fresh ideas and energy to help us to serve our community in the future. Could you update the website or help with any community events?

If you could help in anyway, please contact the minister. CR

Afternoon Garden Party 17th July

We are hoping to organise a garden party on this date, and believe with current guidelines that we can have up to 30 people attend. If you would be interested in joining in then please contact the minister. CR

DIARY FOR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES.

JUNE

Wed 16th 14.00 - 16.00 Tea and chat,
Bereavement Cafe

Thurs 17th 19.30 – 21.30 Community Choir

Sat 19th 10.30 - 12.00 Open House, Table Top sale.

Sunday 20th Louise Bland organist Matthew Retcliffe

Wed 23rd 14.00 - 16.00 Tea and chat,
Bereavement Cafe

Thu 24th 19.30 - 21.30 Community Choir

Sat 26th 10.30 - 12.00 Open House, Table Top sale.

Sunday 27th The Minister - Rev SPI Lewis organist
Jane Gibson

JULY

Thu 1st July 19.30 - 21.30 Community Choir.

Sunday 4th John Latham - pianist Coleen Muriel

Thu 8th July 19.30 - 21.30 Community Choir.

Sunday 11th Holy Communion, The Minister -
Rev SPI Lewis -organist David Copper

Thu 15th 19.30 - 21.30 Last Community Choir.

17th Afternoon Garden party

Sunday 18th Roy Wharton, King's Church Staines
- organist Jane Gibson

Sunday 25th The Minister-Rev SPI Lewis – TBC -
organist Jane Gibson

AUGUST

Sunday 1st Chrissie Ward & John Latham - pianist
Coleen Muriel

Sunday 8th Holy Communion, The Minister - Rev
SPI Lewis - organist David Copper

Sunday 15th TBC - organist Jane Gibson

Sunday 22nd The Minister-Rev SPI Lewis -
organist Jane Gibson.

Sunday 29th Paul Hollingum, Sanderstead URC -
pianist TBA

Quiet Space

Quiet Space will commence again on Monday 6th September. The sanctuary will once again enjoy the ambience of soft reflective music and candle light for Private Prayer. PN

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM JO TAMAN

As you will know, back in April I ran the 'Spring Towpath Marathon' in memory of **Nigel Tunley**- a much loved friend of the church and known in various music circles.

He was a dear friend of mine, as he was to you all, and running this marathon in his memory to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation seemed the right thing to do.

I have already given you an account of the day so I won't go into detail again. I am sure you can appreciate though that marathon training, never mind getting a decent time, is tough!

There were several times on the day where the memory of Nigel, and the support from all of you, kept me going through those dark patches...

Two months on: the just giving page I set up for this marathon is closed. I am still astounded by the amount of support I received financially for this event, and I am sure that Nigel is up there somewhere showing his gratitude.

The final amount raised for this was a staggering **£2416.27**, and with Gift Aid added on the total was **£2911.35!**

I can't put into words the gratitude I want to express for all friends of Nigel who donated so generously- it certainly is a tribute to his popularity and the kind man he was, and still is in our treasured memories.

To raise this amount of money as a solo runner is quite something, and I am incredibly grateful to all of you for your help with this, and of course the invaluable support on the day at the various cheer points.

I hope that we can also celebrate Nigel's memory with a music concert when it is safe to do so.

Thank you again.

Jo

Hampton Hill Community Choir

The choir has now restarted, and due to government rules, on amateur choirs, is practising on fine Thursday evenings outdoors. There is still space for anyone wishing to join us. We meet every Thursday, the last one is on 15th July. Come and enjoy some singing in a relaxed environment. No auditions, no need to read music.

Please contact Fiz Markham on 07711 059415 or fizmarkham@gmail.com.

ADVANCE NOTICE

150TH Anniversary weekend – 9th and 10TH October 2021

QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH OCT AT 7-30PM

This will be a special celebratory Quiz Night with prizes and a fish and chip supper. Now would be a good time to start putting together a team of between 6 and 8 people.

There will also be a special prize for the most original and amusing quiz team name.

Who will be the 2021 HHURC Quiz Team Champions? Further details to follow. MG

Place to Play

We are hoping to restart Place to Play on Tuesday mornings. We will publicise the date as soon as we can open.

If you would like to help or want any further information please do get in touch, by calling Rachel Latham on 0794 968 6816.

Tea and chat

Tea & Chat, and the Bereavement Café, are taking place on Wednesdays in the church café from 2pm to 4pm: company, refreshments and chat. SL

User Group News

U3A Stamp collecting group

If you were a stamp collector in your youth and you still have your stamp collection, why not get out your album, postcards and loose stamps and enjoy it again?

Postage stamps are a wonderful way to relax and enjoy what was 'the world's greatest hobby'.



Next Meeting Monday 12th July 2021

1100 – 1200h. Theme for the meeting:

Learning more about Stamps.

Leader: Paul Leonard.

Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society.

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