



Autumn 2021 brings the re-opening of the many activities of 'the Church on the High Street'. In celebrating 150 years there are many stories to tell. The Covid pandemic may have closed the church and our activities for many months but WWII did not stop worship. The bombing did blow all the windows out though. The 1987 storm did similar damage. The Chapel began life as a Sunday School seeking to help the children of Hampton village before the introduction of state education. Today Ivytree nursery continues the same outstanding service to families.

The origin of the church was in the non-conformist movement, where independence of thought, faith and worship was encouraged. Encouraging one another to share, finding the best in each of our neighbours flourishes today.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10.30 - 11.30 Morning worship.

You are warmly invited to join us for our small informal and joyful service. This is a time and opportunity to support each other in praise and prayer.

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee, refreshments, time together

Tuesday 09.00 - 11.00 Place to Play toddlers group

1.30 - 3.30pm Bereavement Cafe, Scrabble etc

Thursday 7.45 - 9.30pm Community Choir

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00 Open House, tea & chat,

Each of these groups is open to everyone. We are seeking volunteers both to join and to re-establish these and other community groups catering for identified local need.

Looking ahead

Saturday December 11th. 7.30pm. 'In Harmony' Christmas Cracker Concert in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospice

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 150th Anniversary

Souvenir Newsletter

9th & 10th October





The Minister, Rev Stephen Lewis, writes:
Dear Neighbours,

On behalf of the elders and members of Hampton Hill URC this celebration publication brings our prayers and good wishes to each of you as we move on from this dreadfully restricting pandemic. Many of you I know have had to face unimagined difficulties. Bushy Park has been a wonderful benefit and the sight of the church window welcoming you a genuine encouragement. This year we celebrate our 150th anniversary and we all give thanks. Do please stop by the church to meet one another. With gratitude and hope I am convinced that in partnership we can remake the future of our locality in the love Jesus showed us. We ask you to join us.

May God bless you
Stephen.

Programme of events:

You are most welcome to join us.

SATURDAY 9th October. 10.00 - 1.00pm

Exhibition telling of the history of church
over the past 150 years.

Quiz Night & Fish 'n Chip Supper 7.30pm

Would you and your neighbours like to put
together a team and join in? You are most
welcome.

Contact info@hamptonhillurc.co.uk

SUNDAY 10th October 10.30am

Service of Thanksgiving and Harvest
Celebration, led by the Minister Rev. Stephen
Lewis. The preacher will be the Moderator of
the URC Rev. Clare Downing.

12.30 - 2.00pm. Buffet Lunch.

**Collections in aid of
Christian Aid Emergency Appeal.**

Worship in the 'church on the High Street'
has been part of Hampton Hill from the
reign of Queen Victoria well before 1870.
The church opened with 35 members.
Throughout the life of the church people
have sought to help others, create a
welcome, a place of friendship and service.

The chastening two war memorials in the
church list local young men's lives given in
service of their country and community. The
Middlesex Rifles drew young people from
the church to France for The Great War
and the Second World War. We will
remember them! They, together, as friends
saw this church as their spiritual home and
went to serve.

Now in 2021 - already one year late - the
community around the Church on the High
Street is invited to 'REFORM' the place
dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ by
finding him in our neighbour and caring for
that individual. How can we walk more
carefully and lightly? As we move on, still
with Covid, the new normal is for us to
create together. Please do join us to meet
your neighbours.

Together we can meet Jesus' challenge to
'Love our neighbour as ourselves'.