

## JANUARY 2023

**SUN Jan 1st 10.30am** Worship led by John Latham. Please bring some lunch and come for a New Year's Day Walk in Bushy Park.

**SUN 8th 10.30** Worship led by the Minister, Rev Stephen Lewis, Holy Communion

**SUN 15th 10.30** Worship led by Louise Bland, The King's Church Staines.  
Studying Gospel of St. John.

**SUN 22nd** Worship led by Paul Murphy from The United Church, Egham.

**SAT 28th 7.00pm** New Year Quiz  
Great prizes, great fun, fish'n chip supper.

## FEBRUARY 2023

**SUN 5th 10.30** Worship Rev Antony Ball.

**SUN 12th 10.30** Worship led by the Minister Rev Stephen Lewis, Holy Communion.

**SUN 19th 10.30** Worship led by Louise Bland, The King's Church, Staines.  
Studying Gospel of St. John,

**SUN 26th. 10.30 am** led by Paul Murphy, The United Church, Egham.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES.. OPEN TO ALL. JUST COME.

**Sunday worship 10.30am.** Informal weekly service, refreshments served.

Place to Play  
**every Tuesday in term time**  
**from January 10th 09.00 - 11.00**  
for toddlers parents and carers  
All welcome. Donation £3.00 a family.

**Tuesday; weekday prayer**  
**Every Tuesday 12.45 - 1.15 pm.**

Bereavement Café,  
Tea 'n chat, games, Scrabble tables:  
**EVERY Tuesday afternoon**  
**from January 10th**  
1.30 to 3.30. Open to all.

**Community Choir:**  
Come and sing for fun. **Restarts January 13th**  
**Thursdays in term time**  
from 7.30 - 9.30pm.  
New members always welcome .

**Coffee and Company**  
**Every Saturday** from 10.00 - 12.00  
Open House; a chance to meet and chat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
including details for hiring facilities  
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## HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



**The Church on the High Street**  
**Newsletter and Calendar**  
**January & February 2023**

**Offering opportunities for 'welcome'**  
**with warmth, food and good company.**  
**Open to and for everyone,**

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Dear Friends,

New Year's Day heralds a fresh year, although it's just another day in reality. Over thousands of years human beings have tried to make sense and order of our lives through calendars. We impose our own framework on the world, but calendars and dates are quite arbitrary and subjective. There's nothing magic about a new year, the change of a number, except this does give us something we can measure our lives against.

Sun and the Moon have been used in different cultures and civilisations over the millennia to establish a 'new year'. In Britain, the legal year traditionally started on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, Lady Day (the Feast of the Annunciation to Mary). In the northern climes where we live, it seems to make sense, to start a new year after the winter solstice, when the days slowly begin to lengthen again and bring hope of springtime and new life.

We can enjoy and find help in calendars, both religious and secular. Now, we are living through very tough times. So, perhaps, we need to live one day at a time, and to ask for God's grace to give us strength for the challenges we face. Like the Jewish people in exile long ago, we can pray:

*'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'* (Lamentations 3. 22-24)



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[www.allsaints](http://www.allsaints)

[hampton.co.uk/](http://hampton.co.uk/)

[living-space](http://living-space)

**A warm space, a warm welcome, food we can afford**, saving waste, meeting people and making friends. All sounds too good to be true. Why not try it out?

**THE LIVING SPACE PROJECT** is a practical step in co-operation with all the churches in Hampton and Hampton Hill - a group called Churches Together around Hampton. All activities are freely open to everyone. If you can afford a donation than that will be gratefully accepted.

Each church offers a wide variety of ways and times of working, catering for different age groups. In addition there are charities with no church link who have open facilities, providing practical support - The Hub at Hampton for example.

All Saints Church Hampton has added an additional page to its website showing exactly **What**, is happening, **Where** and **When**. It covers the whole week. This is an attempt by charities and churches, working in partnership, to do our best to ensure **no-one needs to be cold, lonely or hungry in Hampton this winter**.

Please share this information with neighbours and friends. Thank you.



### **What a shame to throw away perfectly good food!**

Two local charities are seeking local people to help avoid waste. **The Real Junk Food Project** is Borough wide offering food on a Tuesday on Hampton Hill High St. outside Noble Wines. **The Hampton Inspired Hub** just near to Hampton railway station - receives food

deliveries three times a week, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. In either case you are invited to pop by between 11.00 - 12.00 to help yourself.

As you feel able you can make a donation but the purpose is to avoid wasting perfectly good food. Is there someone you can share it with? [www.hamptonhub.co.uk](http://www.hamptonhub.co.uk)

**Saturday January 28th from 7.00pm. The Hampton Hill URC QUIZ Night. This popular evening is back! Fish 'n chip supper. You are invited. To book a table of six or just a place to make up a table leave your details at [info@hamptonhillurc.org.uk](mailto:info@hamptonhillurc.org.uk) There are raffle prizes galore, questions to amuse, baffle and inspire - a genuinely joyful evening in dark late January. Do come. Here's one to get you started; 'Name six England football penalty takers.'**