

**January 2024.**

**SUN 7th 10.30am Worship led by Louise Bland, The King's Church Staines.**

**TUES: 9th 09.00- 11.00 Place to Play reopens for spring term  
13.30 - 15.30. Bereavement Café**

**THURS: 11th. 7.30 - 9.30pm Community Choir - Come & sing for fun! Re-opens.**

**SUN 14th 10.30am Worship led by the Minister, Rev S.Lewis Holy Communion - Church Meeting**

**SUN 21st 10.30am Worship led by Roy Wharton, The King's Church, Staines.  
5.30pm AGM Churches Together around Hampton 6.30pm SONGS of PRAISE St. Francis de Salles.**

**SUN 28th 10.30am Worship led by the Minister, Rev S.Lewis Holy Communion.  
February 2024**

**SUN 4th 10.30am Worship led by J Latham**

**SUN 11th 10.30am Worship led by the Minister, Rev S.Lewis Holy Communion.**

**SAT 17th 7.00pm THE QUIZ NIGHT**

**SUN 18th 10.30am Worship led by Louise Bland. First Sunday in Lent.**

**Sun 25th 10.30am Worship led by Rev John Dean.**

**March 2024**

**SUN 3rd 10.30 Worship led by Rev Antony Ball, Isleworth Congregational Church.**

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

**Sunday morning worship every week  
Sunday at 10.30am.  
Informal service of praise and prayer,  
refreshments served.**

**Place to Play  
Every Tuesday in term time  
from 9th January 2024  
09.00 - 11.00  
for toddlers parents and carers  
All welcome. Donation £3.00 a family.**

**Bereavement Café,  
Tea 'n chat, games, Scrabble tables:  
Every Tuesday afternoon  
1.30 to 3.30. Open to all.**

**Community Choir:  
Come and 'sing for fun'.  
Thursdays in term time - 11th January 2024  
7.30 - 9.30pm.  
New members always welcome.**

**Coffee and Company  
Every Saturday from 10.30 - 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



## January & February 2024.

**Do join us as we celebrate thankfully  
the kindness and generosity  
of our God.**

**May this New Year be a time where  
we make real the example of Jesus to  
'love our neighbour'**

**The Church on the High Street  
The winter months of 2024.  
Always a warm welcome.  
Open to and for everyone.**

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Dear Friends,



A reading from the scriptures which is often heard at weddings and at funerals, is St. Paul's reflection on love in the First Letter to the Corinthian church. He wrote:

'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' (1 Cor. 13. 4-7)

Around us in our world, in the last year, we have seen and heard so much which stokes up antagonism, discontent, hatred, rudeness, distortion of facts or downright lies, refusal to see others who may disagree with us as human.

A good dose of kindness and gratitude, for the good people and things we do experience, is an antidote, and a way of healing, for the huge divisions which tear society and nations apart.

We can start with ourselves and the places where we live our lives, and we can believe, in the words of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu, that

'Goodness is stronger than evil.  
Love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness.  
Life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours through Him who loved us.'



In Christ.  
Revd. Stephen

## THANK YOU TO YOU - OUR NEIGHBOURS

You have helped us raise funds, share surplus food, make people welcome, supported charities and brought smiles to many who use Hampton Hill High Street. A wonderful start to 2024.

Last autumn you supported our **MacMillan Coffee morning** raising over £320 for cancer support. That weekend you baked and ate, bought and brought cakes and goodies. In December at **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS** you raised over £1200 for **Shooting Star Children's hospices**. In November you supported our Christmas Fair. Families visited Father Christmas allowing us to send over £180.00 to **Great Ormond Street Children's hospital**.



These events have been generously supported by the businesses on the High Street; **Burt's Cycles, The Attic, La Familia, Robsons, The Beech House** and **the Phone shop** all contributing. Where we can let's support our High Street stores as they help us. We know that it is better to smile than frown, be grateful rather than criticise, be kind rather than ignore someone. Living in Hampton together we find ways to smile, to thank our neighbours each doing small acts of kindness. Our High Street businesses are certainly setting the example. Thank you.



The **Tuesday afternoon Bereavement Café** held a superb Christmas outing at the **La Familia restaurant** in mid-December. The welcome was top class and everyone had a really memorable time. The **Phone Repair Experts Hampton Hill** continue to help providing practical advice. Working with **the Real Junk Food project** we pass on perfectly good food saving it from the waste bin. If you can pop by on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm - 3.00pm please come and help yourself.



GOODWILL is just each of us trying to help one another.

Jesus taught that to 'love your neighbour' is to understand what God is like - kind, concerned, patient. You, our neighbours, have been all this.

WELLBEING is bound up in looking out for one another, in kindness and gratitude.

Your Church on the High Street is seeking to serve the local area by being open for all; families on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoon we welcome everyone and particularly lonely anxious, bereaved or sad friends and neighbours. Saturday mornings coffee and great company are always available.



To grow what we do, to offer more to different and more varied groups, we need people who can spare a couple hours each month.

The plan is to train people to work with the present team of volunteers. Please just pop in to learn more.



*No one should ever feel excluded.*

**KINDNESS & GRATITUDE help WELLBEING.**