JANUARY 2025.

WED 1st 2.30pm New Year's Day Walk Bushy Park, followed by refreshments.

SUN 5th 10.30am Worship led by the Minister Rev. S Lewis. Service includes Holy Communion..

THUR 9th 10.30am - 12.00 CARE CAFE led by Pastor José & Brazilian partner church. Open each week
7.30pm COMMUNITY CHOIR Re-starts for Spring programme

SUN 12th Worship led by Gwyneth Hill Church Elder

MON 13th. 7.00pm Men's Curry Club, Riverside restaurant -
SUN 19th 10.30am. Worship led by John Latham Church Elder
SUN 26th 10.30am. Worship led by the Minister Rev. S Lewis. Service includes Holy Communion.

FEBRUARY

SUN 2nd Worship led byRoy Wharton, The Well, Ashford
SUN 9th 10.30am Worship led by the Minister Rev. S Lewis.
Holy Communion.
SUN 16 10.30am Worship led by Louise Bland, The Well, Ashford.
SAT 22nd 7.00pm QUIZ NIGHT
SUN 23rd Worship led by John Latham.

Our Lord Jesus asks us to 'love our neighbour.' ' Who is my neighbour?' the young lawyer asked. Today, in 2025, *community* seems less clear. Your church on the High Street offers an invitation to come together, to support of one another. In making a commitment to care - just as we

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES..

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

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

Place to Play
Every Tuesday in term time
from 7th January
09.00 - 11.00
for toddlers parents and carers
All welcome. Donation £4.00 a family.

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

Care Café
Tea, coffee, refreshments
Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00

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

Coffee and Company
Every Saturday from 10.30 - 12.00

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HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

January & February 2025
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Winter 2025.
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Dear Friends,

We like opportunities to mark the passing of time, New Year, birthdays, anniversaries. New Year for many is a time for parties, and big countdowns to the midnight hour.

Myself, I have often wondered what it's all for. Why the change of a clock-hand or digital number, and a year which is numerically one larger than the last, is such a cause for frenzied celebration? Sorry if that sounds Scrooge-like.

There are words of hope and comfort which shine out from a book which mostly laments the troubles of the world, but they are words which remind us that we can make a new start every single day of our lives, because God is loving and merciful:

'The steadfast love of
the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness'.
(Lamentations 3. 22,23)

In Christ **Rev. Stephen.**

are - there is every chance we, the Hampton residents, may provide a positive model of hope, real joy and grow trust amongst us. Reported on the news are examples of division, fear, even aggression to those who might be seen as 'other'. There is another way.

Do please come in to meet us. Can we find the time, a place to listen, to meet, to understand each other? We can provide an example of working for everyone's benefit. Pease stop by and leave your details. The Care Café is available on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Saturday and Sunday mornings. With more volunteers we could do even more.

NEW VENTURE: THURSDAY CARE CAFE. From 10.30 - midday. In partnership with our Brazilian Church, how wonderful to open the doors on another day. This invitation is to come, to enjoy a tea or coffee in a lovely venue supported by Christian friends. Why not arrange to meet up with friends and neighbours knowing you will be made most welcome?

Volunteering opportunities include:
Assisting on a Tuesday morning with the family 'Play Group' called ***Place to Play*** for an hour or more to suit your? We would welcome help from 08.15am through to midday, not least with setting up and tidying. If necessary training in working with young families is available. In partnership with Princess Alice Hospice the ***Bereavement Café*** is well supported. There is every chance to widen what is provided. To do so a small group of volunteers, working on a rota basis, would be a massive help. Is this something that you might like learn more about?

Men's Curry Club. January 13th from 7.00pm at The Riverside Restaurant, Hampton. It has taken too long to re-start our occasional informal get together at this popular local restaurant. You are welcome to join us. Please come into the church, when it suits you, to leave your details. We will make the reservations in good time.

Returning by popular request is our ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT Saturday February 22nd 7.00pm. Can you get a team of six together for this light-hearted evening? With a hot 'fish 'n chip supper and a host of raffle prizes. This popular evening fills the hall. Many friends just come. We make up teams on the evening, introducing neighbours making new friends. To book a place please pop into the church and leave your contact details. Thank you.