

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN 1st 9-30 am Worship and Holy Communion led by the Minister.

SUN 8th 10.30am Remembrance Sunday
Worship led by Gwyneth Hill

SUN 15th 10.30am Shoebox Sunday service led by The Minister, Rev S. Lewis

SUN 22nd 10-30 am Worship led by Roy Wharton

FRIDAY 27TH 7-00 pm Christmas Fair

SUN 29th 10-30am Worship led by Jo Patterson from URC Southern Synod

DECEMBER 2026

FRIDAY 4TH 8pm Community Choir Concert

SAT 5th 7-30pm Christmas Crackers Concert

SUN 6th 9.30 am Worship and Holy Communion led by the Minister, Rev. S. Lewis

SUN 13th 10.30 am Worship led by Sue Shaw

SUN 20TH 10.30am Worship led by the Elders
6-00pm Nine Lessons and Carols

THURS 24TH 11-30pm Worship led by The Minister Rev. S. Lewis

FRIDAY 25th 10-30am Worship led by Louise Bland

SUNDAY 27th 10-30 am Morning Worship

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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, until 15th July
re-opens 8th September
09.00 - 11.00
for toddlers parents and carers
All welcome. Donation £5 a family.

Compassionate Café,
Always a sympathetic welcome.
Every Tuesday afternoon
1.30pm - 3.00pm Open to all

Care Café
Led by our Brazilian partners
Every Thursday 10.30am - 12.00pm Open to all

Community Choir:
Come and 'sing for fun'.
Thursdays in term time 7.30 - 9.45pm

New members contact
info@hamptonhillurc.org.uk

Coffee and Company
Every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00pm

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Details for hiring all facilities
lettings@hamptonhillurc.org.uk
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Website: www.hamptonhillurc.org.uk

HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026



A time to reflect at Advent
as we thank God for the birth of
Jesus Christ.

The Church on the High Street
All are welcome.

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Dear Friends,

In this time of Remembrance, here is another story from my sabbatical travels. The Kitchener Memorial, perched perilously on the cliffs of Orkney, looks out westwards to the North Atlantic. (see photos)



In June 1916, HMS Hampshire took a diplomatic mission to the Russian allies. In heavy seas, the ship hit a mine and of the 749 on board, 737 were lost including Lord Kitchener.

As Secretary of State for War, he had been instrumental in recruiting for the army. Earlier in his career, he had also worked to improve educational, medical and legal systems in Sudan, giving that country its longest period of peace.

As the shadows of Winter lengthen, we look forward from Remembrance Sunday to the coming of the Light of the World, The Prince of Peace, God with us, giving us hope even in the darkest times.

In Christ,

Rev. Stephen



PHOTO OF THE KITCHENER WAR MEMORIAL ON THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

These were taken by the Minister whilst on his Sabbatical



INAUGURAL STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA AT THE CHURCH

On a very warm August afternoon, some fifty folk enjoyed a social gathering at the church with a variety of teas and specially made home-made cakes.

Thanks in particular go to Celia and her assistants on what is now likely to become an annual event at the church.

NOTABLE FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th November from 7-00 pm

Christmas Fair and High Street Parade

Friday 4th December from 8-00 pm

Community Choir concert.

Saturday 5th December from 7-30pm

Christmas Crackers concert

Sunday 20th December at 6-00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December at 11-30pm

Christmas Eve Service

Friday 25th December at 10-30am

Christmas Morning Worship

THE POPPY FACTORY MARKS 100 YEARS IN RICHMOND

This year marks the centenary of the Poppy Factory in Richmond moving from the Old Kent Road to a disused brewery in Richmond in 1926. The current Art Deco building was constructed on the brewery site in 1933.



Nowadays, whilst individual poppies are made in Kent, the Richmond factory continues to produce the wreaths that the Royal family lay at the Cenotaph on the Sunday closest to 11th November. Each one has a different design chosen by that member of the Royal family. As a charity, the factory continues to support veterans and their families in a variety of ways.

Poppies remain a symbol of remembrance from the aftermath of World War One battlefields in Flanders where they were seen to be growing abundantly.

In Flanders field the poppies grow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky, The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amongst the guns below`

John Macrae