

## JANUARY 2026

**SUN 4th 09.30am Worship including Holy Communion led by Minister, Rev. S. Lewis.**

**SUN 11th 10.30am Worship led by Louise Bland, from The Well, Ashford.**

**MON. 12th 7.15pm Curry Club - RIVERSIDE restaurant Hampton.**

**TUES 13th 9 - 11.am Place to Play re-starts.**

**SUN 18th 10.30am. Worship including Holy Communion led by Minister, Rev. S. Lewis.**

**SUN 25th 10.30am. Worship led by the Elders.**

## FEBRUARY

**SUN 1st 09.30am Worship led by The Minister Rev. Stephen Lewis, Holy Communion.**

**SUN 8th 10.30am Worship led by Gwyneth Hill, Church Elder..**

**SUN 15th 10.30am Worship including Holy Communion led by Minister, Rev. S. Lewis.**

**Wed 18th 11.00 - 12.00 Discovery Group. Ash Wednesday. Let's read Corinthians together.**

**SAT 21st from 7.00pm COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT - great prizes too.**

**SUN 22nd 10.30am. Worship led by Louise Bland, The Well, Ashford.**

## MARCH

**SUN 1st 09.30-am Worship including Holy Communion led by Minister, Rev. S. Lewis.**

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

**Sunday morning worship every week  
09.30 1st Sunday**

**10.30am. 2nd 3rd & 4th Sundays  
Informal service of praise and prayer,  
refreshments served.**

**Place to Play from January 13th  
Every Tuesday in term time,  
re-opens 13th January  
09.00 - 11.00**

**for toddlers parents and carers  
All welcome. Donation £5 a family.**

**Compassionate Café, in partnership with  
Princess Alice Hospice.  
Every Tuesday afternoon  
1.30 to 3.30. Open to all.**

**Care Café  
Led by our Brazilian partners  
Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00. Open to all.**

**Community Choir:  
Come and 'sing for fun'.  
Thursdays in term time 7.30 - 9.45 pm.  
New members contact [info@hamptonhillurc.org.uk](mailto:info@hamptonhillurc.org.uk).**

**Coffee and Company  
Every Saturday from 10.30 - 12.00**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
Details for hiring all facilities  
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## HAMPTON HILL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.



**JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026.  
Your Church on the High Street.  
Welcome to all, seeking to serve.  
Open to and for everyone.**

**Dear Friends,**

Is religious faith merely escapism – looking for a childish and fantastical ‘Never Never Land’ in the future, promising a reward in heaven if we are good and compliant now? Each new year focuses us on the passing of time, and we may if we dare, think about how little time we are alive, in comparison with the age of the Earth and the Universe.

Faith does offer us a perspective. What is really important, what is just a passing fad or phase, what is merely selfish, what is generous, what are the values and virtues which are in some mysterious and wonderful way, eternal?

Christian faith speaks to us of God’s Kingdom, with us now in Christ Jesus, and yet still to be fulfilled.

Faith is an exciting and sometimes frustrating journey, which offers us the hope of eternity whilst being firmly committed to work in the actual world of today.

God’s blessing in 2026.  
Rev Stephen

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**Trying out a new approach for some Sunday mornings.** On the **FIRST Sunday** of the month until Easter, we are offering an earlier service starting at **09.30am**. All the other Sundays will remain at 10.30am. This will give us more time to be together after worship, supporting one another. It may offer you more time for family on a Sunday. It means we will see more of our Minister, Rev’d Stephen Lewis helping with continuity of worship. The earlier start will allow Stephen to lead two services on a Sunday morning making a real difference for our sister church in Raleigh Road, Richmond. Please let us know what you think. We certainly need to explore ‘alternatives’ as the pool of ‘worship leaders’ is changing as you will have noticed. Would you like to become involved too?

NASA. Scientists have identified the Star of Bethlehem - at last! As *The Times* published on its front page (9th December 2025) a comet was visible around 5BC at the correct place for 60 days. Early Chinese data apparently confirms the Star in the East. *Editor: ‘We still have much to learn, not least to trust more.’*



**Monday 12th January from 7.15pm. The Men’s Curry Club ‘Hampton Riverside’ restaurant. Looking forward seeing you on 12th.**

**TUESDAY 13th 09.00 January; Place to Play restarts, welcoming families.**

**DISCOVERY GROUP:** We hope to re-start the Discovery Group during Lent, late February, reading through St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, week by week. This will be a quick reading, in larger chunks, and this could give us a feel of how the letter would have been heard or read when it was new. It will give a sense of the sweep of life in an early church, with its problems and encouragements. This is a different approach from the very detailed verse by verse analysis we are possibly used to. If you can’t make every week, it will be easy to catch up. Details will be publicised in the New Year.



**Saturday 21st February . The Hampton Hill Winter Quiz Night** has been popular for many years. It comes just as those dark evenings need dispersing. Each year there is laughter, too many chips and a thoroughly good time. It is thanks to the MacGreggor family who make it all work. Do pop the date in the diary and even make up a table of six neighbours and friends.