

The flowers are blooming, the time of birdsong has come! Song of
Songs 2:12

WITHAM URC CHURCH MAGAZINE

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Our Vision: "To celebrate God and share the love of Jesus."

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

I have to say what a wonderful service it was on Sunday, 20th February. Brilliant to see so many musicians in the band. Everyone played so well, it was lovely to see Gerry playing the piano and hearing Micheal play the trumpet was amazing. The previous week Keith blew many of us away with Shine Jesus Shine. I feel that those leading the music in the coming weeks will do an equally good job, although quite different.

We really need more joy and happiness in our Church as in recent times it has been lacking: I think the reason for this is that there have been so many changes in such a short time, plus we didn't know the changes were coming.

A dear friend said to me when in conversation regarding our Church, and the worrying time that we have had recently..

"IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY CHURCH MEMBER TO PRAY FOR THEIR CHURCH".

How true that is, and to pray for younger people with their children to come to church. If we all pray for this and be united in prayer, then I firmly believe prayers will be answered.

As we rely on Jesus for so much, I feel the least we can do for him is to make the Church as great as it can be, with lots more little children racing around the sanctuary during the service. I just love to see that and I am not alone in that.

I also love to see our front row each Sunday, these lovely ladies. I love and admire them in coming faithfully to church every week, I know attending means so much to them and their wisdom and faith is huge.

So let us go forward with love for one another and help to make Witham URC a place full of joy, and a place that reflects the love of Jesus in every way.

God Bless you all,

Maureen



21st February - 6th March 2022

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be with you all.

Witham URC has always been my very favourite church. It was where I first put down roots, and so has a special place in my heart. The first time I really got involved was to help write the music for a play called the 'Tentmaker' about the life of the apostle Paul, which led on to another production 'Serious Angels' based on the trials of Job. When the church was in interregnum some of the older members asked me to start preaching. I felt completely out of my depth doing this, but with the encouragement of many saints I persisted. I was amazed at people's support and on one Sunday seventy people came out to an evening service to hear me preach. I might have had long hair and leather jacket, but people accepted me as I was and blessed me.

The Witham Bus project gave me opportunity to work full time for the church. As the first project leader I enjoyed the support of Christians all over the town, and learned so much about practical gospel living. In the book I have just written, I devote a whole chapter to this, as it has had such a profound effect on my life.

The church then recognised I had a calling to full time church ministry and helped me as I moved to Cambridge for full time ministerial education. Every holiday time I would return to the church at Witham where people would continue to encourage me.

When I was finally ordained, I was sent to a church near Watford, and then back to Colchester. I served at Plume Avenue URC for 8 years, before doing four years at the local hospice as their full time chaplain. I then did a couple of years at Kingsland Church before moving on to Maldon URC.

Finally I returned home to Witham URC three and a half years ago, this time as minister. I have wonderful memories of those first few services I conducted here. The atmosphere was electric, and the church began to grow. I met and married Debs, and it was a wonderful day. So many of you gave so sacrificially to give is the best day possible, and I will always be in your debt. I want to especially thank Gerry and Keith who provided a home for Debs many weeks prior to the wedding. Mole End became her second home for a while. Life for me seemed to be just about perfect until we discovered that Debs had cancer, and within a month she died. Many of the same people who were so kind at the wedding served at her funeral, such a great blessing to me.

Within a few months Covid appeared, and the lockdown meant that we were all isolated in our homes. It was an especially stressful time for ministers, as we had to begin getting our services out on-line. This was a massive learning curve, but with the help of some younger people who were more tech savvy we managed to master the intricacies of Zoom and produce worship resources as best we could.

I absolutely hated doing this! I thrive on relationship and live worship, so when I was asked to preach to a blank computer screen I found it very difficult to put much emotion into it. Every time I made a little mistake, I would stop and start again, leading to hours and hours of recording sessions alone in my living room.

Finally I thank God that we have returned to 'in person' worship at church, whilst at the same maintaining a presence on the web. It has not been easy but as a church we pulled together and got it done. Things have started to get back to normal, but we have lost contact with many, and there is still so much more to do.

At the end of last year I realised that my grief was starting to manifest itself in my physical body. I started feeling quite unwell, and so decided to take my long overdue sabbatical to give myself some space to heal. It was then that I contracted Covid which left me very ill for some months. I began to realise that I no longer had the energy or strength to fulfil my ministerial duties, and after a number of meetings with the Moderator and much prayer, decided that it would be a good time for me to retire. What is best for me is also best for the church, for you will now be able to get a new minister who is able to fire on all cylinders.

As I look back at my time at Witham URC, I do so with great gratitude and an overwhelming sense of privilege. Underneath it all I am still that same long haired lout, but somehow God has allowed me to use the limited gifts and talents he has entrusted me with to serve the church. I have been bowled over by people's love and care, and have always felt great support. I leave knowing that God is even now preparing the next minister to take on the work, and I'm sure He has not finished with me yet. It feels very risky and uncertain stepping into the future with no plans, but in another way it is incredibly exciting. Following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ is never easy, but I would have it no other way. I am incredibly proud to have been a minister of the gospel, at Witham URC and elsewhere, and will continue to serve him whatever and wherever.

Keep trusting in Him, He's worth it!!!

With every blessing

Mark

Worship - Fenella Hardie Worship Elder

At this month's Church Meeting the majority of the time will be given to discussing how we do worship at Witham URC and as the newly elected Worship Elder I would like to share some of my thoughts with you in advance of the meeting.

What does the word *worship* mean to you? Some dictionary definitions are "to show profound religious devotion and respect to" OR "to express feelings of profound adoration" OR "to attend services for worship".

Since the founding of the Christian Church, the way in which believers express their devotion has changed and developed through the years with the biggest changes taking place following the Reformation. As it says on the tin, Witham URC follows the reformed tradition which is much more informal than the "established" denominations and where authority lies within the worshipping community rather than with a priesthood.

Each URC is free to organise its own worship life and the way it delivers worship as long as the Word is being preached. Styles of worship can vary markedly from church to church depending on the makeup of the congregation and the talents available within it, but the strength of the URC has always been the way it draws in people from different denominational backgrounds and gives members of all ages and from diverse traditions the freedom to express their faith in different ways.

Recently the element of worship in Witham UR, which has been the focus of most discussion, is the music. In today's world, music in all its forms is available 24/7, sometimes irritatingly so! You can listen to your preferred music practically anywhere. Some will listen mostly to one particular style, others will pick different styles depending on where they are and what they are doing. Music can express your innermost feelings when words cannot and some people feel one particular style of music helps them to feel "worshipful" while others feel the opposite. So for some, contemporary style worship does not lead them into showing profound respect and

adoration while for others the more formal style does not enable **them** to express their respect and adoration.

When talking about music in church the words “traditional” as opposed to “modern” or “contemporary” are often used to describe different styles. I prefer the words “formal” and “informal”. A “tradition” is “the body of customs, thought, practices etc. belonging to a particular....institution over a relatively long period.” Some people say only “hymns” can be described as traditional. The dictionary definition of a hymn is “a Christian song of praise sung to God...” the Greek derivation means to praise or celebrate God so any song of praise is actually a hymn.

In a recent service we sang “Shine, Jesus Shine” which Mark described as a lovely old song although to many it is a modern song. It was written in 1987, 35 years ago, so how old does something have to be before it can be described as “traditional”? It was heart-warming to hear the congregation singing that song with such gusto, but how many other great songs have we missed out on over the years because they were not being brought to our attention? We need the input from those who listen to contemporary worship songs all the time and can teach them to us in the appropriate worship band setting.

When Ian and I came to this church in 1982 there were loads of young families and we all joined in all the activities of the church, serving on Eldership, helping in Junior church and youth organisations, supporting the many outreach projects in the community which Witham URC has run over the years. The world has changed dramatically over those years and the church has had to change with it. Any business which was relying on a business model and structure laid down 35 years ago would have long since been on its way to the insolvency court. The speed of change has accelerated even more over the past 10 years and I believe this church, indeed the URC generally, has not met the challenge of keeping pace with it. Successive Ministers at Witham URC have tried to speed up the pace of

change and introduce new ways of worshipping but they have not been able to achieve the results they hoped for.

Since we arrived in Witham, 6 new housing estates have been built round the town with more being built all the time. That means thousands of new people. How many of them have made their way through our doors? Our commission from Jesus was to go out, spread the Good News and make disciples. For a long time this church grew year on year but lately it has been declining and the pandemic has hastened that decline. This is happening across the denomination. Here are some statistics I want to share with you:

Between 1/04/2016 and 31/03/2018, 42 URCs closed, 5 in Eastern Synod. Of those 42, 7 withdrew from LEPs but the church continued without the URC element.

Between 1/04/2018 and 31/03/2020, 42 URCs closed, 5 in Eastern Synod.

Between 1/04/2020 and 31/03/2021, 30 URCs closed, again 5 in Eastern Synod, but it was thought likely that more would not re-open after the pandemic restrictions were lifted.

During those last 5 years, 1 new congregation has been recognised by General Assembly and that is a community church called “church without walls” which has no building and no set structure to services. During the same period another 3 Mission projects, centred on communities, have been authorised by General Assembly and may in time be recognised as URC churches.

A few short years ago it would have been unthinkable that Witham URC might face closure but now we are struggling to find people to cover all our normal activities including our worship life and if we do not find ways of reversing the decline then closure will loom. All those churches which closed in the last 5 years came to a tipping point where decisions taken, or perhaps decisions not taken, led inevitably to closure. As he goes around

preaching Ian often has congregations in single figures in what were once thriving churches.

In life, the trend is towards the informal as opposed to the formal. Whereas my generation grew up with daily, or at least weekly, school assemblies with some sort of Christian message and prayers: today's young people and children do not get that unless they go to a faith school or the school has a connection with a local church and is prepared to allow it to send in people to lead assemblies. There are 2 generations who may never have had any kind of exposure to Christian teaching whatsoever and for whom tradition has no meaning, sentimental or otherwise. Trying to engage them with totally outdated language and music is doomed to fail.

I believe that it is ludicrous that any church which has any pretensions to being a fit-for-purpose, 21st century church should have a worship elder in her 70s. I am out of touch with the lifestyles and thinking of people in their 20s, 30s, 40s etc. Not that I am willing to accept the sweeping generalisation that "old" people don't like modern style worship.

When I was last worship elder many years ago, I started going to the annual Mission Worship conference and was blown away by the new styles of worship I encountered there. One time I met a lady who was celebrating her 80th birthday that week-end who was happy to chat to me about the different worship bands at her church, one of which she led. When I was helping to organise "Shine" services here I was aware that we had several "older" people who came regularly so they were not put off by the contemporary style of the service.

It was at Mission Worship that I also encountered the contemporary concept of the title "worship leader". For those who have been brought up in the more formal style of church "worship" the worship leader is the person who plans and runs the entire service including preaching the sermon and choosing songs relevant to the theme. In contemporary style services the worship leader is the person who chooses the songs, organises the music and leads the singing.

These two concepts might seem incompatible but collaboration between leaders of worship and worship leaders in recent years has shown it can work well.

During the pandemic everyone had to learn to do church differently but the functions of the church carried on and our Ministers, Pastors and Elders put together the vision for the church going forward which they presented at the special church meeting. Part of that involved changing the structure of the music provision in our services but as the fellowship was not able to meet together in the normal way in Church Meeting these changes were not introduced and explained to the fellowship before they were implemented. At the forthcoming meeting we will have the opportunity to do that.

Change is uncomfortable but necessary if the church is to survive. In the past Witham URC has been a model for other churches to follow and I believe we can be so again. As worship elder I want to propose changes to the structure of worship and of music provision because I firmly believe that embracing new ways of worshipping will enable us to create a church fit-for-purpose for the 21st century.

We can choose to go forward or to go back. I pray that our choice will mean that we will be embracing the Great Commission to go out and make disciples and take the Good News to a community desperately in need of hearing it so that our church will once more be full with worshipping believers expressing their profound devotion to their amazing God.

**Articles for the April Magazine
by 21st March 2022 to
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Lent course - Life on the Breadline - Lorna

This year, throughout Lent we will have a Lent course, Life on the Breadline, being held before the morning service from 9-10am
It will be held in the informal setting of our café area which lends itself brilliantly to having refreshments, so you can look forward to breakfast as we watch the short video, read scripture, think and discuss each week.



There is a list to sign on the notice board in the café so we will have an idea of numbers for breakfast. Alternatively you can phone me or the office to let us know.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday Praise

March	1	Vicky Zarb
	8	Richard Wearmouth
	15	Christine Newmarch
	22	Marina Price
	29	Ian Hardie

Stewardship Sunday – 6th March 2022 - Ian Hardie

Each year we designate the nearest Sunday to 9th March as Stewardship Sunday. It is intended to encourage us all to reconsider what we offer back to God out of his generosity to us – time, talents and money. I make no apologies for focusing entirely on money this year.

We all know that the next few years are going to be very difficult financially for many of us. That applies to Witham URC's finances as much as personal finances. The church has suffered a very significant drop in offerings and rental income during the past two years leading to substantial deficits. Thankfully we had sufficient reserves to absorb the losses we incurred; but our projected position for 2022 suggests another large deficit is highly likely unless something changes soon and we cannot continue to haemorrhage money as we have been doing. The Finance Committee has warned that unless income increases significantly the time is almost on us when we will have to consider very unpopular, but necessary, expenditure cuts.

After we shared our concerns about this at Church Meeting in September last year, a very few people increased their monthly giving to the church. Thank you to each of them. But many people continued to give the same amount they have been giving for many years without any increase. If you are among those whose giving has remained the same for some time, please consider reviewing your commitment. Obviously, we do not want people to give more than they can afford, but suspect that a number of you have simply not thought seriously about the level of your giving for some time.

One way in which the church's income can be increased at no extra cost to you may be by using the UK's Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer who has not already completed a Gift Aid declaration, doing so would increase the value of every pound you give to the church by an additional 25 pence.

If you are relatively new to the church and would like to find out more about different ways of giving to support our work or if you are a taxpayer who has not signed a Gift Aid declaration, please speak to our Church Treasurer, Ian Hardie. If you are not sure who he is, ask one of the door stewards or elders or Lorna to point him out to you. If you have been giving the same amount for some time, please take this as your prompt to think about whether it is time to adjust the amount.

In a sermon earlier this year Lorna reminded us that God loves a cheerful giver. She also said that our giving should be a thank-offering in response to all that God has done for, and given, us. I pray that you should be filled with abundant joy through knowing of God's love and care for you and should want to say thank you in every way you can.

Mother's Day - 27th March 2022

Mother's Day, holiday in honour of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times of the year. During the Middle Ages the custom developed of allowing those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of [Lent](#). This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued into modern times, although it has largely been replaced by Mother's Day.

Pastoral Care Team - Ruth Blackett

Hello everyone, I thought I would provide a bit of an update in the Church magazine about the pastoral care team and how the pastoral care is being co-ordinated at present. I have been advised that not everyone is fully aware of how it works now.

Over the past year the pastoral team has been working alongside the home groups and the prayer chain to care for those in our fellowship. I would like to say a huge thank you to those in the team and also home groups who have faithfully been in contact with people and helping out with them in their times of need, spiritually, physically and emotionally. As with everything over the past couple of years there have been many challenges. I thank God that he has been with us at all times whatever has been happening.

The team has a regular team meeting on a monthly basis (The 3rd Monday evening of the month at present) and invites home group leaders or a representative from the home group to training sessions when they are run.

Ruth meets regularly with one of the ministers to keep them updated of those in need at a current point in time.

Currently as co-ordinator Ruth is reviewing the pastoral lists using our Church suite system and Sarah Campbell is kindly updating the home groups so we can evaluate who needs to be cared for by the pastoral team in the future.

The current pastoral team are:-

Audrey Kennedy, Carolyn Joyce, Maureen Barry, Rocio MacDonald, Ruth Blackett (Co-ordinator) and Shirley Ratnage.

Please do let us know if we can be of any help to you

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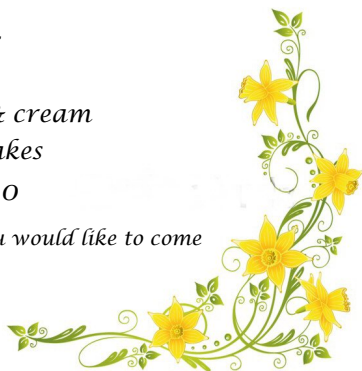
Scones

with Tiptree jam & cream

Home-made Cakes

Price: £5.00

Please let the office know if you would like to come
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Real Easter Eggs from the Meaningful Chocolate Company - Lorna

We are offering you the chance to buy an Easter egg for yourself, family and friends again this Easter from 'The Real Easter Egg.' The Real Easter Eggs are made by The Meaningful Chocolate Company who have a passion for faith, justice and inventive products. The company aims to share the Easter story whilst supporting FairTrade. The Easter eggs are available in milk, white and dark chocolate and each egg comes with a copy of the Easter story or activity book.



The Real Easter Egg use fair trade chocolate which ensures that cocoa farmers get a fair price as well as extra funds to invest in improving their communities. This has resulted in providing fresh water, school books and even solar panels for communities.

All the Easter eggs are plastic and palm oil free which is in line with our effort to be kinder to God's creation at Witham URC.

The Real Easter Eggs are not available to buy in supermarkets this year. If you would like to order an Easter egg and support this cause, please see the sheet in the café area on the notice board which has a full list of the options and prices. Please add your name, quantity and type of Easter egg you would like to order. Please pay for your Easter eggs by putting some cash in an envelope marked with your name and 'The Real Easter Egg' and pass onto Lorna or Ian Hardie or hand into the church office or cafe. If you are unable to add your order to the sheet then you can contact Hannah by phone on 07821726271 or email: hannah.j.trotman@gmail.com. Please note that all orders and payment will need to be made no later than **Sunday 13th March**. The Easter eggs will be available to collect from Witham URC and we will let you know as soon as they are ready.

Ivy Toms celebrating her 100th birthday



Ivy Toms: A few word from Eve Murfitt

On Monday 14th of February, Joyce Clouting and myself visited Ivy as she was having her 100th birthday on 16th February.

We found her much brighter than our previous visit. We stayed for about one hour and she talked the whole time; had her laughing and with her permission took photos to put in this month's magazine. We prayed with her before leaving, she really enjoys our visits.



Sharing is Caring - A light moment !

From a local English magazine in Andulucia, Spain and kindly provided by Denise and Philip Vinton

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink.....

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, "That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything.

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady had not eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said "No thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?" She answered - "The teeth".

Open Doors - Eve Murfitt

I pray daily for the work of Open Doors and share with you how children in Central Asia received presents at Christmas and the following words are those of a six year old.

"I was waiting the whole year from somebody to give me a gift. I am not going to school as it became expensive. My mum is networking, my dad is working but earning very little. I am happy that Jesus remembers me and loves me."

Love always perseveres

A young woman in North Korea made the decision to return to forced labour and hunger in a desolate North Korean village, from an Open Doors safe house in China. She knows that perseverance is key. Persevering is something the persecuted church understands much better than most of us. We often think that suffering means something has gone wrong but the brave young woman says suffering is a blessing because it is a shortcut to the Father.

This young woman covers the windows at night, she lights a small candle and sits in a tight circle, gets out a book, her real work is the secret underground church. We are called to persevering prayer.

It really makes a such a difference for our persecuted family to know we are faithfully standing alongside them for the long term.

Bae was able to get a letter to an Open Doors worker, thanking Open Doors and supporters like you for their prayers and gifts. We can't tell you how she got it to us - doing so would put Bae in incredible danger. Please pray for Bae as you read her extraordinary message.

Dear friends,

We are well and peaceful with Father's grace and your concern.

We give thanks to the Father who is doing almighty works. I am so overwhelmed to write you this letter; we received the greatest love and concern which cannot be returned back. We live firmly in the suffering march, as always.

Whenever I open my eyes in the morning, I feel the presence of our Father. Right now, we only receive materials from you—but we expect the day to come when we can return those back in God.

From the perspective of other people, our life of suffering must seem like a cursed life; however, this suffering is a blessing from our Father who allowed it in our life because it is a shortcut to the Father. He knows our suffering and listens to our prayers. We thank our Father who has done such great things to prepare life for us.

We, who receive His amazing grace, keenly realise and understand His words: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the Father." That means any life that follows His words is blessed.

The thing I give thanks for the most is that Father God uses me to work as His servant. I desire to dedicate my life, until death, to glorify Him.

Brother, I have one request. Please send our gratitude and appreciation to those who sent these support materials to us. I bow to them with a thankful heart.

Let's stay healthy and fight strongly for a gospelised North Korea.

Take care,

Bae, your sister in Christ

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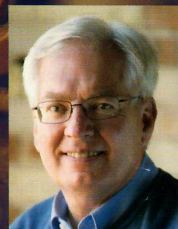
The Wise King Who Became Foolish

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