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WORSHIP with us

Sundays in February

Sunday 6 February at 11:00 – Holy Communion
Service led by the Revd David Skitt (retired URC minister)

Mark Dennis (Trinity Elder & Lay Preacher) continues the series of services exploring six questions that God put to people in the Old Testament. God puts these questions to us as well; and we will try to discern what our response should be.

Sunday 13 February at 11:00
“What can you see?” (Zechariah 4: 2)

Asked of Zechariah, encouraging him to dream and envision. Look ahead to the future of the church? Where do we see the church going?

Sunday 20 February at 11:00
“Can these bones live?” (Ezekiel 37: 3)

Asked of Ezekiel when he dreams of his people of Israel looking like a vast pile of dried up bones – lifeless and powerless. The question is asked to encourage Ezekiel to take a positive view of God’s transforming power. Do we trust God to transform our lives, our church, our world?

Sunday 27 February at 11:00
“Who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6: 8)

Asked of Isaiah. And if God were to ask us the same question, what would we say?

This Month's **ACTIVITIES**

2	Wed	20:00	Elders' Council
4	Fri	20:00	Film Club
6	Sun	10:30	All Elders' meeting
19	Sat	19:00	"Daughters of Dissent" (see article)
24	Thu	20:00	Church Meeting
25	Fri	20:00	Friday Fellowship

21 Feb – 6 March Fairtrade Fortnight



A very happy birthday to those celebrating this month, including Graham Angus, Joan Dennis, Edelweiss Dunfield-Prayero, Martha Khurshid, Hugo Malherbe, Danai Siva and Tara Yu.

A very Happy New Year to our Chinese Group who celebrate Chinese New Year on 1 February - the Year of the Tiger.





Our 'For Others' Secretary, Robin Ingram, is pleased to report that the total raised for Crisis, the national charity for homeless people, from our Christmas collections is £1,375. Last year's figure was £1,000, so a great result and thanks to all who donated.



Queens Road housegroup

The Queens Road Housegroup began to study Ezekiel at its first meeting of the year and will continue to do so on Ash Wednesday, 2 March at 11am. At present we are continuing to meet 'remotely'.

As always we would be happy to welcome anybody to the group who would like to join us in studying this fascinating book. Enquiries and joining instructions can be obtained from Alison Trehearn or Alan Young.

Merton Winter Night Shelter 2021/22

We updated *Trinity News* readers in December on proposed plans for the Night Shelter this winter but also emphasised how difficult it is to operate facilities for the homeless in a Covid-safe manner.

The plan to use the Salvation Army Hall in Kingston Road (from where both Faith-in-Action operates and the Wimbledon Mosque used for their night shelter shift pre-2020) as a 'static shelter' was rejected by Public Health Merton as unsafe, even before the Omicron variant took over. This was based, primarily, on London Public Health's advice; multi-bed night shelters were outlawed in London last winter but not in other cities, which experienced a number of super-spreader events. London used this as strong evidence that their approach was wholly justified so have continued it this winter.

As a result, there is no Night Shelter facility in Merton this winter. We had hoped that a drop-in facility on a Sunday afternoon might be possible but unfortunately no venue is available, nor a practical way of controlling guests devised whom unqualified volunteers could safely manage.

This is very sad. If you come across a homeless person, you can refer them to <https://www.streetlink.london/> or, if on Wednesday or Friday mornings, direct them to the Faith-in-Action drop-in held at the Salvation Army, Kingston Road. In parallel, we are working on how the night shelter can function next winter through providing MWNS with a legal identity and separate from the YMCA.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.
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What is Traidcraft?

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Since Cynthia Betts stood down after many years of running the Trinity Traidcraft stall, it has been taken on by Elizabeth Scharinger.

Elizabeth plans to run the stall once a month and the date will be advertised in advance.

One thing that struck Elizabeth when placing orders for the stall was the variety of products that Traidcraft has that Trinity has never stocked. They sell products such as biscuits, jams, household cleaning products that we have all seen on the stall, but also beautiful hand-crafted jewellery, artwork, clothes, glassware, crockery, furniture and much more.

A catalogue will be available soon on the stall for you to browse. If you would like to place any orders through Elizabeth, that will be possible.

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk>



'The Daughters of Dissent'

During last year's lockdown a number of Trinity members took part in an online musical, newly created by Roger Jones, URC Minister for Tolworth, Epsom and Ewell, who worshipped with us for many years. The theme was the five daughters of Zelophehad. These ladies appear in only a very few verses of the Bible in Chapter 27 of the Book of Numbers, and thus have escaped much attention - until now that is.

Roger will be screening 'The Daughters of Dissent' at Trinity on Saturday 19 February at 7pm.


The Daughters of Dissent

A story of five brave women pitting their wits against their heritage,
their religion, their friends, their God!

A new musical

telling the story of the Book of Numbers chapter 27

written by Roger A Jones



**This is your
invitation to the
showing of the film**
**The Daughters of
Dissent**
Saturday
19th February 2022
7.00pm

**at Trinity United Reformed Church,
Mansel Rd, Wimbledon SW19 4AA**
Entrance free...

**Performed in Lockdown and starring members Epsom, Ewell,
Tolworth and Trinity Wimbledon United Reformed Churches.**
**Discover the story of these brave, radical, and successful
women...**

The Daughters of Dissent!



There will be a meeting for **ALL** church members
on **Thursday 24 February at 8pm**
in the Mansel Road Centre.

Hygiene Bank



At The Hygiene Bank, we believe it is not right that feeling clean should be a luxury or a privilege for anyone in our society, yet many are living in poverty and cannot afford to stay clean. That is why our network of projects exists – to give people access to the basics they need.

We collect new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials - including deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, make-up, nappies, toilet roll, laundry detergent and surface cleaner. If you need

them and use them, then it is likely someone else needs and uses them too.

Nearest drop off points are at Boots:

- Centre Court Shopping Centre, Wimbledon
- Coombe Lane, Raynes Park
- Tandem Way
- High Street, New Malden

For further information, look at <https://thehygienebank.com>.

From the archives



Mansel Road on 9 February 1991



Write a prayer for the URC Prayer Handbook 2023

In 2023, the URC's Prayer Handbook has the theme 'Cities of Sanctuary'.

The new Prayer Handbook Editors, the Revd Susan McCoan and the Revd Stephen Ansa-Addo, Ministers at Ealing & Wembley Park, and Reading & Hungerford respectively, invite you to consider the ways in which the URC is helping the UK become more welcoming for people forced to flee their homes, whatever the reason.

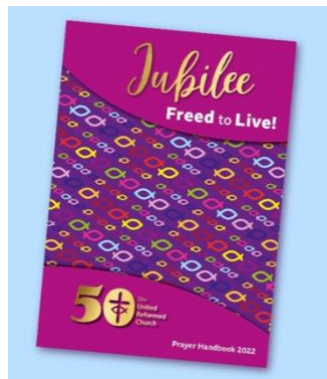
How do we in our Church continue to create sanctuaries alongside a culture of solidarity, inclusivity and welcome? How does the Church offer sanctuary to all people in everyday life?

Wherever you are, wherever you have been, whatever the journey which moves you to write, we would love to hear from you.

You are invited to write as you would pray – no special words or format is needed – to allow us the privilege of sharing your prayers with others in the URC and beyond.

You can submit a maximum of four prayers to be considered, which must be your own – original work for which you have copyright.

For further guidance and instructions see <https://urc.org.uk/write-a-prayer-for-the-urc-prayer-handbook-2023/>.



The URC's website has recently been redesigned. Have you had a look?

<https://urc.org.uk>