

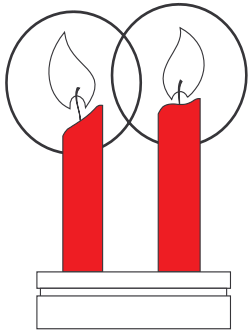


# Ickenham United Reformed Church

## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship today.  
If you are a visitor, or new to the area, please make yourself known  
to the worship leader, duty elder, or sidespersons and write in the Visitor's Book  
on the table at the back of the church.

Tea and coffee will be served in The Oasis after the service  
– please join us for a time of fellowship if you are able to.



### **SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service** led by Sue Clifford.

During the service the second Advent candle will be lit on the Advent ring.  
(Mike & Esme Young)

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.724); Mark 1:1-8 (p.1002) (Ellie)

Duty Elder: Dorothy Vickery

**COFFEE SHOP IN THE OASIS** open Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service with Holy Communion** led by Frank Murphy.

During the service the third Advent candle will be lit (Pauline Woodham & Pat Veale)  
Celia Miller will preside at Holy Communion.

Duty Elder: Pauline Woodham Communion Servers – Pauline & Peter

**6.30 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service** – carols for choir and congregation with readings.

Duty Elder: Keith Holland

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*Copies of NIV Bibles are available for you to use during the service.  
Please collect one from the shelves at the back of the church and return them,  
along with your hymn books, at the end of the service*

**Meeting for prayer** before the service, from 10.40 for 10 minutes in the Hardwick room.  
Anyone is most welcome to join in.

**Pauline Woodham** will usually be available after the service for anyone who would like to chat about  
concerns or worries and would like someone to pray with them.

**Thank you to Julie Dungey** who is providing the flowers in church today to celebrate the friendship of our  
community with the people of Rukiga, following on from the recent visit made there by members of  
our two churches through CLICKRukiga.

*Contributions to the Offertory to support the work and Worship of the Church may be made by cash or cheque in the bag during the Service or by bank transfer.*

*Gift aid envelopes are available to use, if appropriate. All donations are gratefully received and will be dedicated during the service. Further details from the Elders if required.*

### **John the Baptist prepares the way**

And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

*Mark 1 v.7-8*

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH FRIENDS** – a board will be available on the table in the lobby if you want to leave one card to all church friends. A box will be available on Sundays if you would like to give a donation to St. Mungo's in lieu of buying cards. St Mungo's will be our charity for the Christmas offertory.

**TREE OF REMEMBRANCE** – This year the tree on the path between St. Giles' Church and the Church Hall will be our Tree of Remembrance. If you would like to place a star on the tree, there are two ways you can do this: either by making your own star or bauble, writing on it the name of the person you want to remember, adding a ribbon or cord and placing it on the tree, or there will be a basket of wooden stars available in The Oasis. (Stars also available at Ickenham Butchers, 3 Swakeleys Road).

From Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Ickenham Festive Night) the tree will be decorated with lights. During the afternoon of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January the stars will be removed from the tree and placed on the altar in St. Giles' Church. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January the stars will be blessed during the 10 am Communion Service.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** – We are suggesting that in the coming weeks you might like to consider a 'Reverse Advent Calendar', whereby you buy an item for the Foodbank for each of the days in Advent and make up a bag. Your donation will help families in need and make a really big difference this Christmas. Your bags/donations may be placed in the Foodbank Box at the back of the church whenever you can and definitely by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**CHURCH FLOWERS** – There are vacancies on the following dates in the New Year if anyone wants to donate flowers, perhaps in memory of someone or in commemoration of a special date:- **January 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please speak to Celia Miller if you are interested.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD**

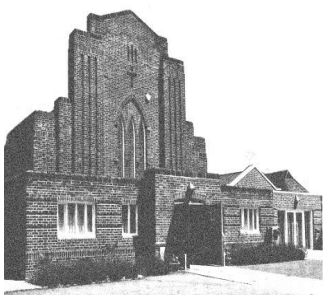
Please remember the following people and situations in thought and prayer:-

Richard Boyes who is recovering at home after spinal surgery.

Wendy Munn who is recovering after a recent hip replacement operation.

Joan Howells who is now living at White Plains Care Home, Denham.

Our earnest and heartfelt prayers continue for the end of the war in Ukraine and other war-torn areas, thinking especially at this time of all the innocent victims of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, that a peaceful resolution may be found in that devastating situation.



### ***Our Mission Statement***

***Ickenham United Reformed Church aims to welcome  
and serve others in Christ's name  
and spread the news of God's love.***

***We aim to help each other to grow in Christian faith and spiritual life  
and worship God together.***