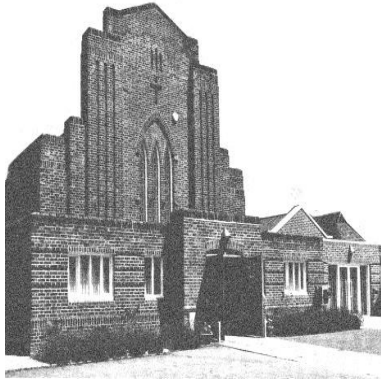




## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

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> SEPTEMBER:**

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service** led by Peter Williams.

Theme: 'Growing together until the harvest.'

Readings: Psalm 139 (R&S 730 used as a responsive reading) (Keith)

Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43 (Keith)

Duty Elder: Pauline Woodham

**COFFEE SHOP IN THE OASIS** open Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER:**

7.30 – 9.00 p.m. **Free Church Choir Rehearsal** in the church.

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

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service & Holy Communion** led by John Miller.

Reader: Patricia Potter

Duty Elder: Pat Smith

Communion Servers – Pat & Pauline

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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 Brian Webb** for the flowers in church today,  
in memory of his parents and their wedding anniversary.

*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.*

You have searched me , Lord, and you know me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.  
Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.  
*Psalm 139 v. 1-4*

**FORECOURT SALE - SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** – thank you very much to all involved in helping with the Forecourt Sale yesterday and on Friday, to those who provided goods to sell, and to all who came along to support it. The total raised will be announced as soon as we have been informed.

**THE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** resumes on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 p.m. in the Hardwick Room.** We will be considering 'How to pray for our community'. Please do come and join in.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** – the next Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** after the morning service. Please attend if possible. Church Members should send apologies if unable to attend.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

We have had staffing problems with organising this event, so the Elders have agreed that we now turn it into a ***Bring a picnic and share our fellowship event.*** Please bring your own preferred drinks along with your picnic. Tea, Coffee and Squash will be available. We will gather in The Oasis and share our meal together and the fellowship of our members and our friends Anne and Dennis Dove. Revd. Anne Dove is leading our Harvest Festival service that day.

**THE CHURCH CHOIR** - Our church has a long tradition of having a Church Choir to help lead the music in our worship. It is time to look at how we can build and increase numbers in the Choir so we are looking for new singers. We meet on a Sunday morning at 10.00 for a rehearsal and look forward to once again contributing a choir piece during most services. If you've been toying with the idea of adding your voice to our Choir this will be an excellent moment to 'take the plunge'! All ages welcome. Rehearsals begin again on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.** For more information speak to or call Peter Williams our Organist and Choirmaster on 07956 990555.

**EMPTY BLISTER PACKS** - please can we request that you do not drop off large bulk amounts, only those from personal use. The box has been moved into the church at the moment, near the bookcase.

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

We pray for all members of our congregation who are recovering from recent health issues.

We especially hold our friend Daphne Warden in thought and prayer at this time as she is in Hillingdon Hospital, having recently had a fall and broken her hip and wrist.

We pray for all young people and teachers in our community who have just begun a new school year, especially for those little children attending school for the first time.

We pray for people all over the world who have been affected by recent natural disasters.

Our earnest and heartfelt prayers continue for the end of the war in Ukraine and other war-torn areas.

### ***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.***