

# NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024

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 (on 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January).



## SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service** led by John Pearson. Readings: 1 Samuel 3 (p.273): John 1:43-51(p.1064)

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Duty Elder: Peter Williams

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

#### MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:

2.00 – 3.30 p.m. Drop In for the bereaved at St. Giles' Church Hall.

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:

**2.00 p.m. 'Let's Pray Together'** All are welcome – please join us in the Hardwick Room for a time of prayer for our church, our community and for world issues.

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### SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY:

**<u>10.30 a.m.</u> United Morning Service at St. Giles' Church** for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Duty Elder: Pat Smith

#### **TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY:**

3.30 – 5.00 p.m. Bereavement Support Group team meeting in The Oasis.

## SUNDAY 28th JANUARY:

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service** led by Frank Murphy.

 Duty Elder: John Miller
 Reader – Dennis

 **12.30 p.m. Church Meeting** – please attend if possible. Refreshments available before the meeting.

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 Julia Fish** for the flowers in church today (14<sup>th</sup>) in memory of her late brother, John Fincham, and their joint birthdays on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. *Hebrews 12 v.1-2* 

\***Please ensure** that you have put your completed church Questionnaires in the box on the table at the back of the church. *Today (14<sup>th</sup> Jan) is the final day for returning them.* 

\*Also, don't forget to vote for the charities to be supported through our fundraising events this year. Please choose one UK charity & one international charity. The voting slips provided must be returned by <u>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</u> for our Church Meeting.

**NEW YEAR LUNCH - SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** after the morning service.

3 course lunch with drinks at £15 per head. There will be a list to sign at the back of the church for bookings – the list will close on Sunday  $28^{th}$  January.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** – There are vacancies on the following dates if anyone wishes to donate flowers in church, maybe in memory of a family member or friend, or in commemoration of a special event:-**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** Please speak to Celia Miller if you are interested.

**ANNE & DENNIS DOVE** – please note that their address is incorrect in our latest Church Address Book They have now moved to 86 Brook Drive, Corsham, Wilts SN13 9AY

**We have been sad to hear** of the death of Mary Langham on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at White Plains Care Home where she was a resident. Mary was just a month off her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Mary's funeral will be at **St. Giles' Church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12 noon** followed by cremation at Breakspear for family only. All are invited for refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

Also of the death of Dennis Brownlie on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December aged 97. There will be a Service of Celebration for his life on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Giles' Church at 12 noon. All are welcome.

### 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.

All whose homes and businesses have been affected by flooding after the recent bad weather.

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.