

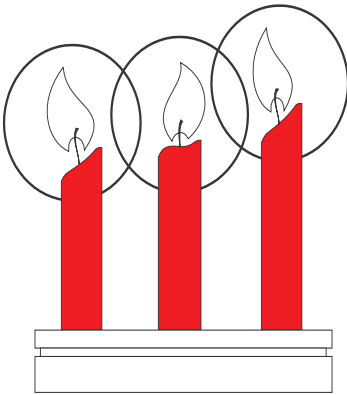


Ickenham United Reformed Church

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 17TH 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 17TH DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service with Holy Communion

The service is led by Frank Murphy and during the service the third Advent
candle will be lit (Pauline & Pat Veale)

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Keith

Celia Miller will preside at Holy Communion.

*We invite all who trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord to receive the bread and wine at
Holy Communion. If you prefer, you may allow the bread and wine to pass by you
when served by the Elders and receive a blessing.*

Duty Elder: Pauline Woodham

Communion Servers – Pauline & Peter

6.30 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service on the theme of 'Peace'

Carols for choir and congregation & readings – all welcome.

Duty Elder: John Miller

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

Please note that the Coffee Shop will close after Friday 22nd December & re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER:

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

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be no morning service at Ickenham URC but we are warmly invited to join with the congregation
at Christ Church URC/Methodist, Uxbridge at 11.00 a.m. where Revd. Maggie Hindley is leading worship.
Also at St. Giles' – 8.00p.m. Communion for Christmas Night & 11.00p.m. Midnight Mass

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Morning Service for Christmas Day led by Jeremy Day.

The remaining Advent candle will be lit, along with the Christmas candle.

Duty Elder: Keith Holland

*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 Richard & Heather Piper for the flowers in church in remembrance of the birthday of Richard's late mother who would have been 100 on 15th December.

Please note - The next Notice-sheet will cover 2 weeks – 24th & 31st December

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.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.

Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7 v.14

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH FRIENDS – a board is available on the table in the lobby if you want to leave one card to all church friends. A box will be available if you would like to give a donation to St. Mungo's in lieu of buying cards. Our Christmas Offertory will go to St. Mungo's this year.

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 on the table in our church lobby. (Stars also available at Ickenham Butchers, 3 Swakeleys Road). From Friday 8th December (Ickenham Festive Night) the tree will be decorated with lights. During the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd January the stars will be removed from the tree and place on the altar in St. Giles' Church. On Thursday 4th January the stars will be blessed during the 10 am Communion Service.

CHURCH FLOWERS – There are vacancies on the following dates in the New Year to donate flowers:-
January 7th & 14th. 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.

The work of St. Mungo's and other organisations who help the homeless.

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.***

