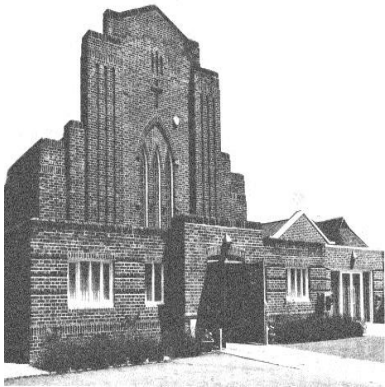




NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

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 19TH NOVEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service with Holy Communion

led by Revd. John Mackerness.

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.

Readings: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Duty Elder: Keith Holland
Reader: Pauline

Communion Servers: John & Pat

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

MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER:

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

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by our church Worship Group.

Duty Elder: Dorothy Vickery Reader: John Miller

12.30 p.m. Church Meeting in The Oasis. Tea & Coffee will be served beforehand.

Please attend if possible. Church Members please send apologies if you are unable to attend.

*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.

*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.*

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others.
We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.
Romans ch.12 v. 5-6

CHURCH FLOWERS – There are vacancies on the following dates in December if anyone wants to donate flowers, perhaps in memory of someone or in commemoration of a special date:-
December 3rd (Advent), 12th, 17th & 25th (Christmas). Please speak to Celia Miller if you are interested.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHARITIES 2024 – each year we usually nominate charities to support through our fundraising events. (In 2023 we have supported The British Red Cross and Asthma+Lung UK)
We are now asking for nominations for 2 charities to support in 2024 – one international & one national.
***Please send your nominations to Shellie by 3rd December** so that she has time to prepare the relevant paperwork. Shellie will need details of the charity name, charity number, address & brief details.
The result of the ballot will be announced at the Church Meeting on 28th January 2024.

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.
We suggest starting on **20th November** (two weeks before Advent starts). 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 15th**

BIBLE A MONTH CLUB - Patricia Potter has offered to take over running the "Bible a Month Club". All those wishing to either keep up their subscription or if you are someone wishing to join please contact Patricia asap.

Forthcoming Concerts.....

HILLINGDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – 7.30 p.m.

At Northwood college, Maxwell Road, Northwood HA6 2YE

Tickets £15 & school children free

Programme – Sibelius 'Finlandia', Dvorak Symphony No 9 "From The New World"
and Grieg Piano Concerto in A Minor (Soloist: Bocheng Wang)

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER – 7.30 p.m. at Ickenham URC

Tickets £15 adult & Children free.

Programme Handel's *Messiah* Part 1 & Carols for choir and audience.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD

Please remember the following in thought and prayer:-

Richard Boyes who is recovering from spinal surgery in Hillingdon Hospital

The people of Iceland who have had to leave their homes because of an imminent volcanic eruption.

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.***