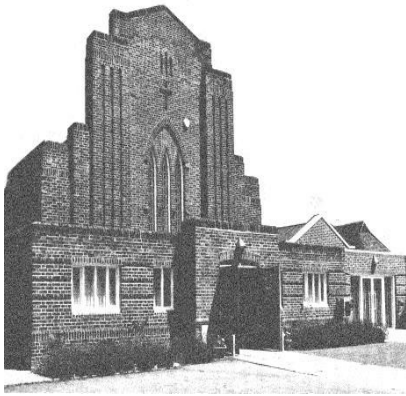




## NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

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.



### **SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – PALM SUNDAY:**

**11.00 a.m. Morning Service** led by Jeremy Day.

When you arrive at church on Sunday please be sure to pick up either a small portion of Dates or a piece of Date cake (gluten free) to enjoy during a section towards the end of the service. Please don't be tempted to 'nibble' until the right section.

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a (p.738); Mark 11:1-11 (p.1015)  
Duty Elder: John Miller      Reader: Patricia Potter

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

### **TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:**

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

### **THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – MAUNDY THURSDAY:**

7.30 p.m. **Seder Meal** at the URC – joint churches' service with informal Communion led by Peter Williams.

### **FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: - GOOD FRIDAY:**

10.30 a.m. **Walk of Witness** from the URC.

11.00 a.m. approx. **Joint all-age service at St. Giles'** followed by refreshments.

3.00 p.m. **Joint service of reflections and prayers** at the cross at St. Giles'.

### **SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – EASTER SUNDAY:**

**11.00 a.m. Easter Celebration with Holy Communion** at the URC led by Sue Clifford.

Duty Elder: Dorothy Vickery    Communion Servers: John & Pauline    Reader: Leigh Smith

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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.

When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

*Mark 11 v.7-9*

### **PLEASE NOTE - EVENTS IN HOLY WEEK:**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** at 7.00 p.m. (28<sup>th</sup> March) – there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for you to sign if you wish to come to the Seder Meal at the URC.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS** (29<sup>th</sup> March) starting at the URC forecourt at 10.30 a.m. and ending at the church path at St Giles ready to enter the church for the rest of the Service and reflection at approx. 11.00 a.m. Rachel, one of the St. Giles' prayer co-ordinators is organising the stops in between the route and volunteers for the carrying of the cross, the readings and the prayers. If any one from the URC would like to join in any of these activities please can contact either :-

Rachel (Email: [raladyman@gmail.com](mailto:raladyman@gmail.com)) or Stephanie at the office email. ([office@stgileschurch.co.uk](mailto:office@stgileschurch.co.uk))

In due course the Readings and the Prayers will be sent out.

**'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – in** The Oasis 1.00 to 2.00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a time together with soup, a roll and a speaker.

Speaker – Liz Wadland on 'Christians who are different from us'.

Please indicate if you wish to attend by signing the list at the back of the church or by calling the Church Administrator on 07792143888. It is important that you book a place before the day.

**NOTE! DIARY DATES – CHURCH AGM and Church Meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

Our joint churches' **COVENANT SERVICE is now on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at St. Giles' at 10.30 a.m.

**We have received the sad news** of the recent death of Daphne Warden on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at Wexham Park Hospital. Daphne's funeral will be held at Ickenham URC on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 p.m.**, conducted by John Pearson, with the Committal afterwards at 2.45 p.m. at Breakspear Crematorium.

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

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

The family of Daphne Warden after her recent death on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Richard Boyes who is recovering at home after spinal surgery.

Bryan & Naomi Webb after various health concerns

Steve Bullock, partner of Cathy Wilcox following heart surgery at Harefield Hospital.

Sheila Durrant, who is suffering with chronic breathing issues and is housebound.

Hillary Turyakira in Rukiga, Uganda, as he proceeds with follow-up treatment after recent brain surgery.

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.*