

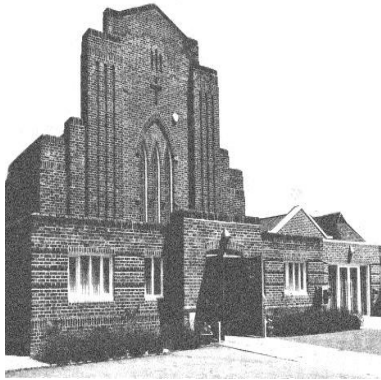


Ickenham United Reformed Church

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 24TH 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 24TH SEPTEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Revd. John Mackerness.
Readings: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 (p.929) & Matthew 20:1-16 (p.987)
(Pat Smith)

Duty Elder: Peter Williams

12.30 p.m. Church Meeting following the service.
Tea & coffee will be served before the meeting.

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

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER:

4.00 p.m. **Bereavement Support Group** team meeting in The Oasis.

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL:

11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service led by Revd. Anne Dove.

Duty Elder: Keith Holland

Reader: Pat Smith

12.15 p.m. Picnic Lunch & share our fellowship in The Oasis. – *details overleaf*

*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.

Celia Miller would like to thank church friends for all their cards, kind thoughts, messages and prayers following her recent knee replacement surgery. Good progress is being made so far.

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

CHURCH MEETING – Please attend if you can and keep up-to-date with things going on at Ickenham URC. Church members should send apologies if they are unable to attend. Papers for the Meeting have been sent out on email but a few paper copies are available..

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.
1 Thessalonians 5 v.15

HARVEST FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

FOOD BANK -

Once again we are donating our Harvest festival gifts to the Food Bank at St Gregory's church in South Ruislip. Please start shopping now - items other than pasta, bread or cereals. Foods which can be used without too much cooking are requested. Tinned meats, fish, vegetables and fruit are always welcome. Perhaps biscuits or crisps as treats. All donations in recognition of God's continuing love for us all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH -

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS -

Celia Miller would usually organise the floral display in the church for our Harvest Festival but, due to her present limitations after her recent knee surgery, she will be unable to do this.

Please speak to Janice Osborne if you would be willing to help with putting together a simple display of flowers in the church.

'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' – WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER – 1.00 to 2.00 p.m.

**Come and enjoy a time together in The Oasis, with soup, a roll and a speaker
Speaker – Najla Matti – 'Born in Iraq, raised in UK'**

Please indicate if you wish to attend either, by signing the list at the back of the church (URC), or calling the Church Administrator on 07792143888

Due to the popularity of this event it is important that you book a place beforehand

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD

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

Also please continue to pray for Celia Miller as she recovers from recent knee surgery.

We pray for people of Libya, recently affected by devastating floods and for the people of Morocco, where there have been serious earthquakes.

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.