



Ickenham United Reformed Church

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAYS 24TH & 31ST 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 (on 31st December) – please join us for a time of fellowship if you are able to.



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.
Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (Michael Vickery)
Duty Elder: Keith Holland

COFFEE SHOP IN THE OASIS - Please note that the Coffee Shop will be closed after Friday 22nd December & will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER – NEW YEAR'S EVE:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Jeremy Day
Duty Elder: Keith Holland

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY;

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Revd. John Mackerness.
Duty Elder: Celia Miller

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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.

Please note – This Notice-sheet covers 2 weeks – 24th & 31st December

Thank you to Joanna Bell for the flowers in church at Christmas
in memory of her late parents, John & Kathleen Bell.

Our Congratulations to Peter & Wendy Williams
who celebrate their 50th Wedding anniversary on 29th 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.

OUR CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY will go to St. Mungo's, a charity which helps the homeless.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called, Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9 v.6

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.

From Friday 8th December (Ickenham Festive Night) the tree has been 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, maybe in memory of a family member or friend, or in commemoration of a special event:-
January 7th & 14th. Please speak to Celia Miller if you are interested.

DATES FOR THE DIARY JANUARY 2024

Sunday 21st January – Joint service for the Week of prayer for Christian Unity, at St. Giles' Church.

Sunday 28th January – Church Meeting after the morning service.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD

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

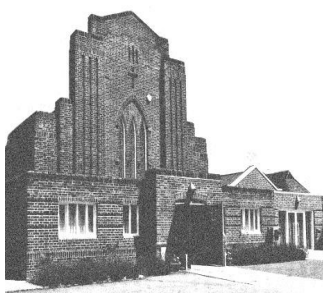
Richard Boyes who is recovering at home after spinal surgery.

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.***