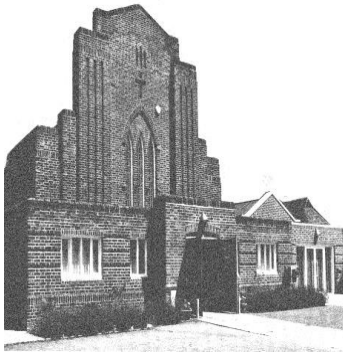




NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

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 26TH NOVEMBER:

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

The theme is 'Christ The King'

Readings: Ephesians 1 : 15-23 (p.1171); Matthew 25: 31-46 (p.995)

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.

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

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER:

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

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Geoff Easton.

During the service the first candle will be lit on the Advent ring.

Duty Elder: John Miller

6.30 p.m. Advent Service with Carols & Readings at St. Giles' Church –

all are welcome and members of our URC choir will be singing in the service.

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 Beryl Gwilt for the flowers in church today,
in memory of the birthday off her late husband, Don

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.

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25 v.37-40

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**

‘FOOD FOR THOUGHT’ - Wednesday 6th December – The Oasis Café 1.00 to 2.00 p.m.
Come and enjoy a time together with soup, a roll and a speaker.
Revd Manoj Raithatha, Minister at Pinner Baptist Church speaking on – *‘The Power of the Gospel’*.
Please indicate if you wish to attend, either by signing the list at the back of the church or by calling the Church Administrator on 07792143888 (Please note - no meeting in January)

ICKENHAM FESTIVE COMMUNITY NIGHT - Friday 8th December
A reminder that there is a box outside Shellie’s office for raffle prizes and items for the stalls on Festive Community Night. Our church and the Oasis are open that evening as part of this event.

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 people and situations in thought and prayer:-
Richard Boyes who is recovering from spinal surgery in Hillingdon Hospital.

Joan Howells who is now living at White Plains Care Home, Denham.

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.***