

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023

Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed Easter and a very warm welcome to our 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 9TH APRIL – EASTER DAY:

11.00 a.m. Easter Service with Holy Communion led by John Miller & members of the Church worship Group. Reading: John 20: 1-18 (p.1089) Frank Murphy

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.

Duty Elder: Pauline Woodham Communion servers – Celia & Pat

COFFEE SHOP IN THE OASIS Tuesday to Friday this week- 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. *Closed on Easter Monday*

SUNDAY 16TH APRIL:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Sue Clifford. Duty Elder: Pat Smith

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 Sheila Dell for her donation towards the flowers in church today in memory of her son Keith and to other members of the congregation who have made donations towards the Easter flowers.

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.

The empty tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' *John 20 v.1-2*

FLOWERS IN CHURCH – There is a space to fill on **Sunday 11th June** if anyone would like to make a donation for flowers in church, perhaps in memory of someone, or in commemoration of a special date. Please let Celia Miller know.

DIARY DATES.....**Saturday 22nd April** 10 a.m. to 12 noon **Forecourt Sale & Coffee Morning**. Richard Piper will be pleased to hear from anyone who can offer help with the Sale on the Friday and/or Saturday that weekend.

Sunday 23rd April – 11.00 a.m. Joint Churches Covenant Anniversary Service at the URC led by Revd. Felicity Davies.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD

We pray for Richard Piper, who is slowly recovering from recent health issues and also for Julia and David Fish, as Julia is gradually recovering from an attack of shingles.

We pray for all in our community who are suffering in body, mind or spirit at this time.

Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the recent devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and in addition now the flooding in that area.

> We pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and businesses. and that the homeless will receive the care they need.

Please pray for all those affected by the recent tornados in the U.S.

Our earnest and heartfelt prayers continue for the end of the war in Ukraine, peace for its people and an end to all their hardship and suffering.



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.