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*For the fruits of all creation,
Thanks be to God*

Dear Friends,

I have now been employed for a couple of months as the URC minister for Wroughton, Winscombe and Nailsea. It has been amazing to return to work in these beautiful villages and towns, as we lived and worked in Wroughton for over twenty years, frequently visiting Winscombe and Nailsea.

Nailsea United Reformed Chapel continues to be well led by the present six elders and it is very encouraging to see the commitment of so many of the congregation to ensuring church services continue weekly, getting involved in the community-particularly in supporting the elderly and lonely- and serving God. As Jesus once said in response to being questioned on what were the greatest commandments, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "

For church life, September is generally considered the beginning of a new year. Similarly, in Israel traditionally, Jews celebrate two New Years: one in the autumn, Tishri, considered to be the civil or secular year start and then in Spring, Nisan, which is accepted as the start of the spiritual year. So, as the Church and the Jews live by two New Years, two beginnings, so does each individual Christian as they have two birthdays or beginnings to celebrate-the first is their natural date of birth, the second their supernatural birth.

Each day, believers are given the choice of whether to live in the old calendar or the new, in the old identity or the new. The right choice is to live every moment in the new supernatural life. As Jesus told Nicodemus, the Jewish religious leader who had come to Him with questions: "You must be born again."

He continued: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a person is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God." ‘

May God go with you now and forever, Rev David Jewell

Harvest Lunch

This will take place on Sunday 22nd October after worship. Names to Isabel please if you wish to attend – payment of £5 per person payable on the day with all proceeds going to Commitment for Life. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

A little note for your social diaries: Christmas lunch will take place on 4th December. More information in next month's Connect.

Harvest Festival

Donations for Food Bank

Dried and tinned goods (please check Dates)
also separate Collection plate

Parking

It would be very helpful if drivers would be kind enough to leave substantial parking space opposite church gates to enable those less able drivers and passengers easier access to our church building on Sunday mornings.

Thank you in anticipation.

Commitment for Life Prayer

Jesus is our Neighbour

Loving God, in every aspect of our lives, the places we live and work, laugh and play, learn and grow, you are there, guiding and nurturing us in your ways of love, peace and justice.



If that goes forus, it goes for everyone else as well.

Sometimes, it's easy to find you. A warm handshake from a stranger, a meal served by a friend or a hug from a loved one are all signs that you are alive and active amongst us.

At other times, though, we find it hard to recognise you in others. They may not look like we look, think like we think, live like we live or worship as we worship, and yet, whether we can sense you or not, you are there, working through them.

Help us to recognise that, in the same way you live in us, so you live in all our neighbours: those whom we know and those we do not, those whom we relate to and those we do not, those whom we like, and those we do not. May we always look for you, and find you, in everyone, friend, stranger or otherwise. In Your Precious Name, Amen

By Simon Peters, former Walking the Way Project Manager

The URC daily devotions

The URC daily devotions can be accessed via devotions.urb.org.uk These are approximately 5 minutes long. The Sunday service can be accessed from the same site.

Communion Offering for October

St Peter's Hospice

St Peter's Hospice provides specialist palliative care to adults in the wider Bristol area with life-limiting illnesses, including support to their relatives, friends and professional carers. All Hospice services are free of charge to everyone.



Communion Offertory Plate

Please note that the Communion offertory plate will, in future, be on the left hand side as you enter the Church, together with the notice to say what that month's offering is for. The general offertory plate will remain in its usual place on the right.

This change has been instigated as it has become increasingly difficult for your treasurer to be sure which is which!!

	Flowers	Readers
October 1 st	Ave	Patrick
October 8 th	Flower Fund	Patricia
October 15 th	John F	Philip
October 22 nd	Yvonne	Peter
October 29 th	John B	Kevin

Please do speak to Sally or Barbara if you know of anyone including outside our church family who would appreciate flowers following our service and if you are able to deliver with a card (I have) we will then be supporting our community beyond our church doors.

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – OCTOBER 2023		
SUNDAY 1ST	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM
FRIDAY 6TH	“Just Good Company” A Musical Evening	7.30PM
SATURDAY 7TH	Big Quiz Night at Wrington In Aid of TEARFUND	7.15PM
SUNDAY 8TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Brian Jones	11.00AM
SUNDAY 15TH	SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP with Mr Angus Grigson	11.00AM
SUNDAY 22ND	HARVEST SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev'd David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 29TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev'd David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 5TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM



Harvest

Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word hærfest, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products.

The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.



Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating
the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you.

*A musical evening with...
'Just Good Company'*



*Friday 6th October 2023 @ 7.30pm
Nailsea United Reformed Church*

*Songs from the Shows &
Popular music from 60's and 70's*

*Ticket available on door
(£5 cash) or
contact Jill Perry
07773855967*

TEARFUND BIG QUIZ NIGHT

7th October 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Wrington Chapel BS40 5NH

£3.00 per person

Tea, coffee and nibbles included and cakes for sale
or bring your own soft drinks (sorry no alcohol)

Bring a team or come and join one

For more info or to reserve a place please contact

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FIRST GROUP SOCIAL November 11th

12 noon-3.30 pm at Paul and Alison's home-

Milfort house, Langford Road, Langford BS40 5BN

Lots of Activities!

More details soon.

Animal Nativity December 9th

Performances at 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm .

Entrance by TICKET only.

These are FREE and can be obtained from:

All Saints Parish church on December 2nd from 10 am.