

Thank you Ma'am
God Bless You!



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I am the vine,
you are the branches
John 15 v 5

Dear Friends,

we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, which is extraordinary in human history, just Louis XIV exceeded her 70 years of reigning by two years, and hopefully she will be able to break that French record.

Most certainly, every church in the UK marks this achievement wishing Queen Elizabeth II good health and thanking her long service to the country. Most people – whether royalists or republicans – acknowledge the political, economic stability that the constitutional monarchy has provided over the decades, or even centuries, and admire the moral example the Queen gives to us, and for her willingness to share her faith in her speeches and decision making.

Her Majesty's Christian faith and stoic calm even in difficult situations is notable. Her very long reign reminds me of the stability that we have in our Christian faith, as *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Her Majesty's message to the CoE last November called on the church to focus on the unchanging Gospel of Christ "to bring the people of this country to the knowledge and the love of God"*. In the URC I hear from every direction every so often: we live in rapidly changing times, the church must change too (and these changes might be painful for ministers and communities). On the other hand, it is good to hear from the Queen that the Gospel of Christ and its teachings are not changing. And they never should.

The Queen's steadfast love for this country and in the Commonwealth reminds me of God's steadfast love for us in Jesus. She has set an example before us how to serve God and our community with resilience telling us that by God's grace the Gospel of Christ, just like our Lord Jesus, will remain "the same yesterday, today, and forever"!

Yours in Christ,

John

Platinum Jubilee Prayer

from the Church of England

*Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Jubilee Celebration

Sunday 5th June service to be led by Rev'd Sue Cossey
then to celebrate our Queen's jubilee with
Coffee, cake and chat in the hall

Please do stay

IGNITE Service

June 12th 2022 6.30pm at Holy Trinity.

Leader: Revd James Packman;
Speaker: Revd John Gray.

Commitment for Life Prayer

Prayer for Central America, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras

Gracious God, we pray for a prosperous life for all people in Central American countries. Creator of life, your people suffer due to poverty, inequality, environmental destruction, drug trafficking, corruption, natural disasters and gang power. Due to the challenging situation, the people of that region face a migration crisis as well. Many look for help even for their basic needs: food, water and shelter. The Covid pandemic has multiplied their pain and anguish.

Creator of the world, your children look to you. You are their hope and strength, and they believe in you as you walk with them in all their sufferings. And they know you love them. Give them strength to seek an end to their miseries.

We are thankful for all those individuals, organisations and churches that have been helping your people towards a sustained life. Please, God, bless them abundantly.

We pray that the people should live in peace with their families and communities without the threats which they face now. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our saviour.

Amen

The URC daily devotions

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

Communion Offering for JUNE

Commitment for Life

Commitment for Life celebrates its 30th anniversary this year! What an incredible milestone as we think back in gratitude about the myriad wonderful people who have faithfully supported this incredible programme.

The CfL team want to take a moment to celebrate the generosity of the dedicated advocates, link persons and congregations for all they do locally. They would like us to know that, if all we do is to remind people to take global justice seriously, and to make this part of the mission of our church, then we have done very well, even if it doesn't feel like it. So, a big THANK YOU for your continued support.

Looking to the future, CfL has now decided to limit its support to just three regions - Bangladesh, Israel & the occupied Palestinian Territory, and Zimbabwe. As we were formerly linked with Central America we must now decide which of these three regions we would prefer to receive information on.

(My choice would be Bangladesh as we have already partnered with Zimbabwe several years ago. Please let me know your thoughts on this.)

Thank you, Patricia

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – JUNE 2022		
SUNDAY 5TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev.d Sue Cossey	11.00AM
SUNDAY 12TH	SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP with Rev.d John Gray	11.00AM
SUNDAY 19TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Delwyn Tilke	11.00AM
SUNDAY 26TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev.d John Gray	11.00AM
SUNDAY 3RD	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev.d Stephen Newell	11.00AM

Flower Rota JUNE

Offers to arrange in a vase appreciated. Please speak to Sally or Barbara. Also if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate receiving some flowers please let an elder know.

5th Flower fund
 12th John Baggallay
 19th Flower fund
 26th Flower Fund

If anyone buys flowers or have them given please keep wrapping and either give to Barbara or Sally or leave in the kitchen

Reading Rota for JUNE

June 5: Patrick Marshfield
 12: Peter Cast
 19: Tba
 26: Tba

July 3: Patrick Marshfield

As you can see, folks, we have vacancies for readers. If you feel you can fill a slot please have a word with Isabel.



Teach us, good Lord,
 to serve you as you deserve,
 to give and not to count the cost,
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to seek for rest,
 to labour and not to ask for any reward,
 save that of knowing that we do your will.