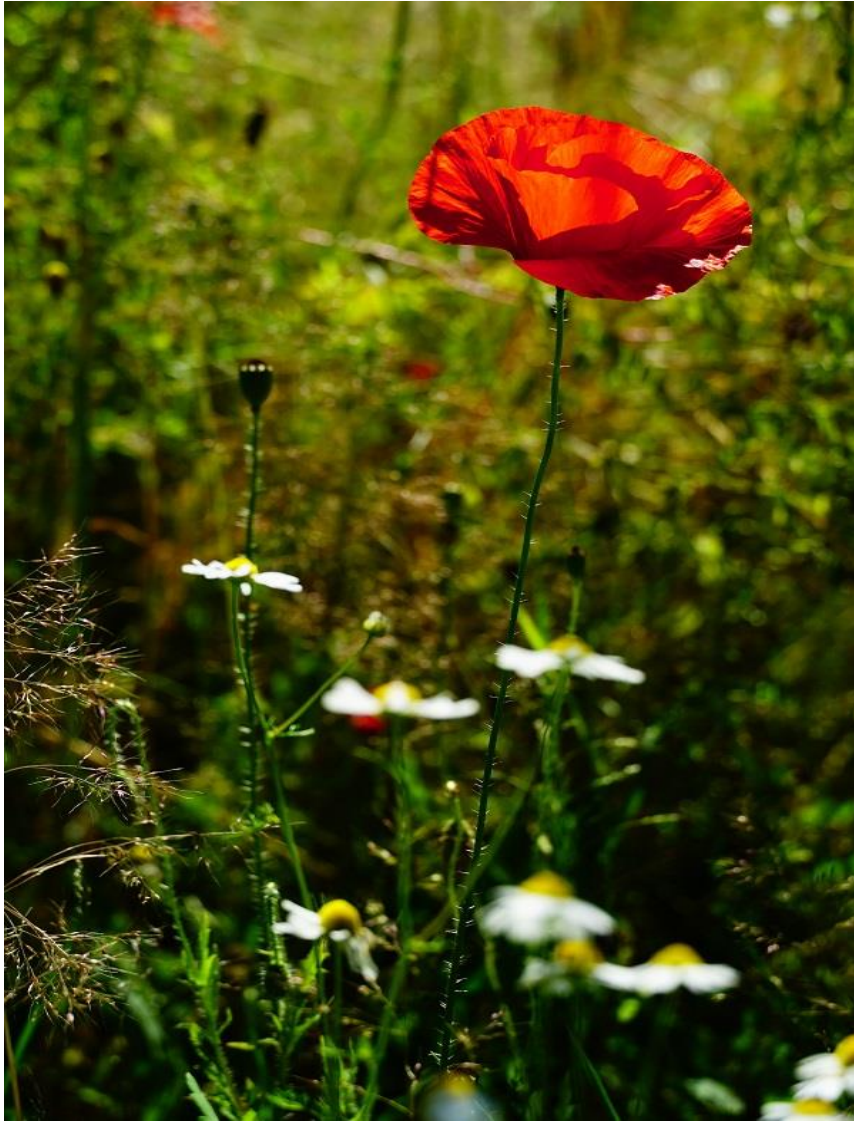




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Seek the Kingdom of God
Above all else
Mathew 6 v 33

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Dear Friends,

Jesus wants you and me, His disciples, to live in a place of rest, a place of connection, a place of peace. His last gift to us was a gift of peace. His words, recorded in John 14 v 27, say, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus then tells His disciples that He is going away, but will send another friend, the Holy Spirit, to be with them. They will not be orphaned but rather comforted. Living in rest can involve choice. Think about Mary and Martha - Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and enjoy His presence (Luke 10 v 38-42). Martha was distracted by unnecessary tasks. She had welcomed Jesus into her home and made Him comfortable, but she missed out on relaxing with Him, which was what Mary, her sister, had experienced. Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen, while Mary was hanging on every word Jesus spoke. And Mary was commended for having made the better choice!

Some new believers struggle with prayer. One helpful way to look at it is by taking two chairs and placing them side by side - you sit on one, and the other chair is for Father God. Say to yourself: **"Father God is sitting on that chair. He is invisible, but He wants you to sit beside Him and tell Him everything that you are thinking and feeling. Ask questions and listen, and you will receive peace."**

As we commit to doing this regularly, we begin to discover rest and peace for ourselves, as we allow Jesus to bear the burdens that trouble us. Sometimes, like Martha, we can be distracted, but as we sit with Jesus and tell Him about the circumstances of life, His peace will replace anxiety, fear, and whatever would seek to trouble us. If you have been troubled and are carrying

heavy burdens, take time to sit and pray, receive peace, and live in rest.

God bless you, David

Autumn Bible Study dates and Topics

led by our minister, David - 2pm in the church hall.

Everyone welcome

November 11TH How the Old and New Testaments link

November 25TH Genesis to Deuteronomy

December 9TH Books from the Old Testament

Gift Aid

As will be reported at Church Meeting on 26th October we have received from HMRC the sum of £2977 which is 25% of our total giving of £11908 for tax year ended 5th April 2025. As Treasurer, may I take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to give on a weekly/monthly or gift basis. I also thank Jill Perry who very kindly "volunteered" to become our new Gift Aid Secretary.

Isabel

Christmas Lunch

This will take place on Sunday 7th December after worship and it is hoped that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Numbers for the last few lunches have been a bit sparse but hopefully you will all be able to attend our Christmas Lunch. Cost will be £8.00 per person and I would appreciate booking and payment in advance, please.

Isabel

God of peace, we pray for peace in the land you love, the land we call holy: we pray that Palestinians and Israelis can find a just and lasting peace and security for all. We pray that violence might be rejected, and practical solutions found.

We pray for our United Reformed Church and our ecumenical partners, that in the name of the Prince of Peace we can be agents of goodwill in the region.

We pray that here in these islands we can promote understanding between Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and between people of all faiths and none, about the Holy Land – the land that is ‘competitively loved’.

We pray that we can stand together courageously in the face of all intolerance and hate, including Islamophobia and antisemitism, so that we, too, can live in peace and mutual flourishing.
In Jesus name, Amen.

By Nathan Eddy, CCJ

The URC daily devotions

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

Gutenberg's Bible"

It was on the "30th September 1452 that the Gutenberg Bible was first Published. It was also known as the 42 line Bible and the Mazarin Bible. An Edition can be seen at the Cambridge University Library.

Communion Offering for November



St Peter's Hospice

"You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can to help you not only to die peacefully, but also to live until you die." Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement.

In 1969, a group of people got together to discuss a hospice for Bristol. Among them were doctors, nurses, a solicitor, a surgeon and others who were keen to transform how people were cared for at the end of their lives. The group was inspired by the vision of Dame Cicely Saunders - the woman now known as the founder of the modern hospice movement.

When Cicely came to Bristol to speak at a public meeting, enthusiasm for a hospice in Bristol soared. There was a pause in momentum after the death of one of the original group's members. Then, in 1977, fundraising for a Bristol hospice finally began. .

We've spent over 40 years helping people die in peace, and with dignity. Combining compassion with clinical expertise, we provide patients with the best possible care at the end of their lives. We're here for the people around our patients too - those closest to them. Before, during and after a bereavement, we provide support that's remembered forever.

We think it's that unforgettable support that inspires people to give back to St Peter's. To fundraise for us. Donate. Volunteer. We're not exaggerating when we say that we couldn't do what we do without our wonderful supporters. We really can't thank them enough.

We want to help many more people to die well. And we're doing this by teaching others. As a centre of educational excellence, we share our skills with other health professionals, helping the NHS and care homes to provide better end-of-life care.

We'd love you to help us spread the word: that we're here for all, for free, forever.

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 2ND	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Our Worship Team	11.00AM
SUNDAY 9TH	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
TUESDAY 11TH	BIBLE STUDY with Revd. David Jewell	2.00PM
SUNDAY 16TH	COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. Keith Clements	11.00AM
SUNDAY 23RD	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM
TUESDAY 25TH	BIBLE STUDY with Revd. David Jewell	2.00PM
SUNDAY 30TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. Helena McKenna	11.00AM
SUNDAY 7TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Revd. David Jewell	11.00AM

Flowers

Readers

November 2 nd	Donation	Philip
November 9 th	Esmond & Patricia	Jane
November 16 th	John F	Peter
November 23 rd	Sally	Richard
November 30 th	Flower Fund (Advent)	Isabel

As outreach mission from our church please let Sally know should you be aware of anyone who would appreciate some flowers following our service.

Only Trust - 1 Kings 17 : 8-16

Three hundred children were dressed and seated for breakfast, and a prayer of thanks was offered for the food. But there was no food! Situations like this were not unusual for orphanage director and missionary George Mueller (1805-1898). Here was yet another opportunity to see how God would provide. Within minutes of Mueller's prayer, a baker who couldn't sleep the night before showed up at the door. Sensing that the orphanage could use the bread, he had made three batches.

Not long afterwards, the town milkman appeared. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. Not wanting the milk to spoil, he offered it to Mueller.

It's normal to experience bouts of worry, anxiety and self-pity when we lack resources essential to our well being - food, shelter, health, finances, friendships. We are reminded in 1 Kings 17:8-16 that God's help can come through unexpected sources like a needy widow. "I don't have any bread - only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug" (v12). Earlier it was a raven that provided for Elijah (vv. 4-6). Concerns for our needs to be met can send us searching in many directions.

A clear vision of God as the Provider who has promised to supply our needs can be liberating. Before we seek solutions, may we be careful to seek Him first. Doing so can save us time, energy and frustration.

Father, sharpen my vision of You as the Provider for all my needs. Forgive me for times I have futilely sought to find my way without seeking You first.

Source : Our Daily Bread

OLD”

I turned 85 just last week
I'll admit that my bones often creak
But I'll stick with my plan
Keep as fit as I can
After all, I have still yet to peak.

You may think, as my tale will unfold,
That I'm well past my best - getting old
Wrapped in blankets galore
I could still use some more
Yes - it's 30 degrees but I'm cold.

I've a doctor's appointment at 9
Can't remember what for - I feel fine
I'll just waffle a bit
Hope he tells me that 'it'
Can be fixed by a bottle of wine.

Now I find myself standing a lot
As my mind has gone blank - I've forgot
And I stare into space
Vacant look on my face
Cos I've come here for something -- but what?

So why do I need to go wee
Quite so often? I really don't see
Though it's true I like ale
Several pints without fail
I suppose I could stop drinking tea!!