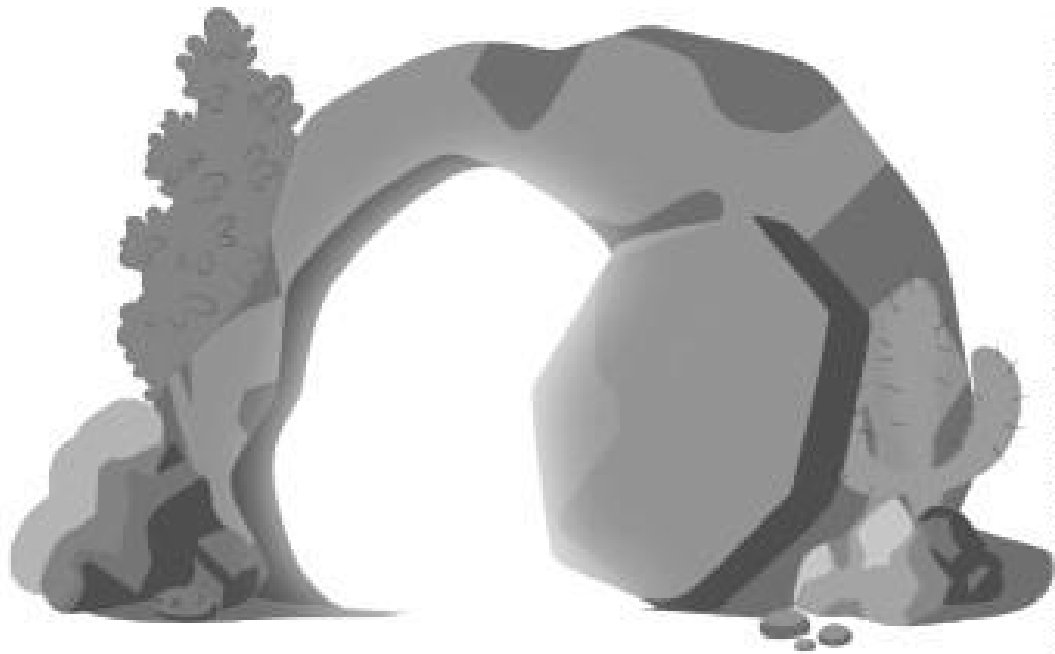


South Leicestershire Group URC



SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE GROUP UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Saffron Lane-Wigston Magna-South Wigston
Oadby-Whetstone

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Love is a wondrous thing. Without love it would be difficult to get out of bed in the morning. Without love the world would seem without colour and purpose.

Love is a wondrous thing. It brightens our days and makes us feel wanted and appreciated.

Who do you love? Your family and friends? Your neighbours? Those who are kind to you - who give you a smile on your daily walk? We are taught that we should love everyone, but sometimes it's not that easy, is it? We have to keep trying because we are all God's children, and all are loved equally in God's sight, and God showed His undying love for the world because he 'gave his only begotten Son to die on a Cross and be raised again so that everyone who has faith in Him may not die but have eternal life'.

God loves us, all of us, warts and all, because we are made in His image. Each one of us is unique and we have been made in the way that God determined. He gave us freewill to make our own decisions and He gave us this beautiful world to look after and care for.

As we celebrate this Eastertime, let us ask God to help us rejoice in all the good things that we have and that are provided for us to wonder at and to delight in. (And I don't just mean chocolate!)

As the days lengthen and become brighter and warmer and we are allowed to meet with and enjoy time with our families and friends, take time to rejoice, because

Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is risen!

Alleluia!

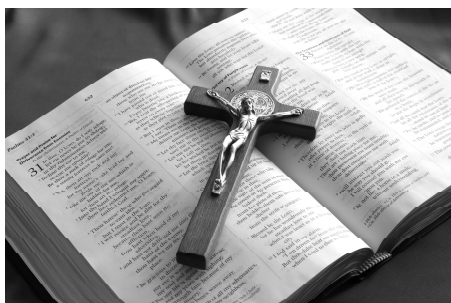
May you know the warmth of God's love this Eastertime and beyond.

Eileen

NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Whetstone URC	10.00 am
Oadby URC	10.15 am
South Wigston URC	10.30 am
Wigston Magna	10.30 am
Saffron Lane	11.00 am
Abbots Road	10.45 am

Please check with the relevant Church Secretaries to confirm if and when services are taking place at any of the Group Churches.



Your Giving is Still Needed

Please remember that the expenses of the church continue even if the building is closed. While we are unable to attend worship please put your weekly offering to one side and then bring it along when we start to meet again.

If you would like to set up a weekly payment arrangement direct to your church account please speak to the Church Treasurer.

Regular Group Church Events

MEETINGS / EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For any more information / advice please contact the Church Secretary

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DEADLINE FOR MAY 2021 MAGAZINE

Sunday 18 April 2021

Send your items to your church representative or direct to
di.statham@btinternet.com

If you do not have a computer a hand written copy can be accepted.
Contact Di Statham 0116 2810053 for information

A Mission Council Experience

15th March to 17th March

1. The United Reformed Church Mission Council met on 15th, 16th and 17th March. Mission Council is a representative body of the United Reformed Church that meet to enable the decisions made at General Assembly so that the life and work of the United Reformed Church can be improved.

2. The East Midlands Synod Representatives were:

Moderator Reverend Geoffrey Clarke

Synod Clerk Reverend Camilla Veitch

Synod Treasurer Mr David Greateorex

Synod Representative Reverend Richard Eastman

The Representatives met prior to the Mission Council Meeting to discuss the Mission Council and the papers for discussion.

3. Some of the Topics we covered were:

Paper A1 URC Review Paper

URC website Yaku Labs' Presentation

Paper M1: Daily Devotions and Sunday Service

Paper G2: URC Future Pensions discussion

Paper D/H1 Marks of Ministry and Training for Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers

Paper D3: Discipleship Development Fund

We also passed several papers 'En Bloc', these are usually uncontroversial topics that reflect minor changes in procedures and protocols, usually these have been discussed at previous Mission Council meetings. Details of these can be found on the URC website, (urc.org.uk/march-2021)

Cont.....

Prior to each session there was a time to study the Bible as a Collegiate and the theme this Mission Council was inspired by our Youth Assembly's theme, 'Heroes and Villains'. These sessions were led by the Mission Council Chaplain the Reverend Helen Everard.

My experience of Mission Council was a positive one, highlighting the work that is being done to enhance the life of the Church and to move the URC forward in the 21st century.

Richard Eastman



SERVICES

Long Street will be holding Morning Worship on **April 4. Easter Sunday, at 10.30am.**

This will be a Communion Service and will be led by Jacqueline Gavin.

Our next service will be on **Sunday May 2**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

13	Sheila Stephens
16	Harry Ward (10)
21	Bryoni Ling (12)
22	Alan Simpson
29	Jessica Crouch (13)
	George North (10)
30	Marian Daetwyler



RECIPE - APRIL: Pea & Watercress Soup (Serves 4)

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium onion, diced

300g of frozen peas

2 bags of watercress

1 - 1 and a half pints of chicken or vegetable stock

Salt & pepper to season.

- 1) Fry the onion in the olive oil until soft.
- 2) Add the peas and stock, and simmer for 5 minutes.
Skim off any foam that comes to the surface.
- 3) Add the watercress and blend with a hand-held blender.
- 4) Season to taste.

GARDENING TIPS - APRIL

- 1) Sow hardy annuals outdoors.
- 2) Plant healthy dormant dahlia tubers towards the end of the month.
- 3) Finish planting bare-rooted trees and shrubs.
- 4) Continue to plant gladioli.
- 5) Dead head early bulbs.
- 6) Lightly shear winter heathers as last flowers fade.



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DIARY - APRIL

Bible Study Group - Tuesday 13th April 7.00pm on Zoom.
(for details contact Di Statham or Revd Richard Eastman)

Following government guidelines, services and meetings are all on hold at the moment.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6th Lauren Fretter



A Thought for the Month.

We are here not because we are law-breakers,
we are here in our efforts to become law-makers.

Emmeline Pankhurst

Mary weeps as Jesus dies
Crucified before her eyes,
Head bent low she walks away,
How will she face another day ?

With grieving heart she joins His friends,
Was this how it was all to end ?
He promised life for ever more
To sick and well, to rich and poor.

But now He lay inside a tomb
Their hearts were filled with dreary gloom.
His promises, it seemed, were wrong.
He had been mistaken all along.

The Pentecostal Sabbath day
Was celebrated in the usual way,
Their minds recalled the wind and tide
And Jesus walking the countryside.

As day closed they went to bed
And each laid down a weary head.
At dawn they promised all would meet
Embalm His body - then all was complete.

The women met at the tomb at dawn,
Heavy-eyed and all forlorn.
The tomb was empty ! He was gone !
Just as He'd said all along.

Mary's heart was brimming over,
They all sang praise to the great Jehovah.
Heaven awaited sinners redeemed.
It was proved a reality not a dream.

The Good News then they spread abroad:
Jesus was risen - He is Lord.
Now we must tell the world of Him
Who died for us and conquered sin.

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APRIL PRAYER LIST -

Please pray for:

- 1 All those in hospital with corona virus, and those caring for them
- 2 All who are facing trial, especially those who are innocent.
- 3 Those, especially at this time, who put others first.
- 4 Even though we may not be at church today, we can still say with all our fellow Christians - "HE IS RISEN - ALLELUIA!"
- 5 All who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.
- 6 The charity "Depaul", getting homeless young people off the street.
- 7 All who work in our hospitals.
- 8 Those who are feeling the pain of loneliness.
- 9 That all people may work together for the good of others.
- 10 Those who have lost their jobs because of covid.
- 11 All those who are putting our church services online.
- 12 Families everywhere, especially those who have not been able to get together for some time.
- 13 Our key workers, helping to bring some normality into our lives.
- 14 Those whose businesses have suffered through the pandemic.
- 15 All who are homeless.
- 16 Charities facing the loss of funding.
- 17 All those working to bring food to the hungry.
- 18 All who are missing going to church today.
- 19 The children who live on the platforms of India's railway stations - open to all manner of abuse.
- 20 Those volunteers who are manning our covid testing stations.
- 21 Give thanks for some blessing in your life.
- 22 All who work on Christian programmes on radio and television.
- 23 The people of England on St George's Day.
- 24 Workers in our emergency services at this difficult time.
- 25 Our councillors having to decide where to make cuts.
- 26 Those relying on the Food Bank in order to eat.
- 27 Those released from prison, now having to rebuild their lives.
- 28 The doctors and nurses who work voluntarily for *Medecins Sans Frontieres*.
- 29 Pray that we may return to some form of normality soon.
- 30 Give thanks for the beauty of Spring.

Did you know that.....

1. 90 million chocolate eggs are sold in the UK each year.
2. In the UK, each child receives an average of 8.8 Easter eggs each year.
3. Sales at Easter time make up 10% of UK chocolate spending for the whole year.
4. The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol.
5. Almost 1 in 5 children say that they have made themselves ill by eating too much chocolate over the Easter holidays!
6. In 2007, an egg covered in diamonds sold for almost £9 million. The egg is very special because, every hour, a cockerel made of jewels pops from the top of the egg, flaps its wings 4 times, nods its head 3 times and makes a crowing noise!



Easter

On the very first day of that week
The women came, their Lord to seek.
They found the stone, secured before,
Rolled away like an open door.

The Master's gone, we know not where.
Why take Him away, who would dare ?
Suddenly, two angels gleaming white,
Spoke to them through the brightest light:

Why do you seek Him amongst the dead ?
He is risen before you and gone ahead.
Don't you remember. He told you all
Before He suffered a death so cruel ?

Then they remembered the words He'd said
Before He hung on the cross and bled.
They ran at once to tell their brothers.
We, like them, must tell the others.

That death for us holds no more fear,
The Easter story makes it clear -
We have a bright future, the master said,
He is risen before us and gone ahead.

Halleluiah, Hooray,

He is risen !

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Preachers and Readers list for May 2021 If the Church is back open

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Apr 4 th	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Communion Easter Sunday
Apr 11 th	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Communion
Apr 18 th	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Communion
Apr 25 th	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Family Service
May 2 nd	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Communion
May 9 th	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Wash hands	Communion
May 16 th	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Stay safe	Communion
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Lets	Hope	We	Can	Come	Back	THIS TIME
	?	?	?	?	?	
May 23 rd	3	4	#	14	R Green	Family Service
May 30 th	5	6	#	13	S Eastman	5 th Sunday

3 Kath T	7. Angela S	12. Elizabeth R	# no server
4. Maureen F	8. Brian S	13. Darren C	30 Sandra
5. Sue B	10. Molly B	14. Mackenzie	35 Anne
6. Pat S	11. Richard B		36 Dec B

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Birthdays April

16th Peter Clay

25th Mally Benham

Birthdays May

6th Richard Eastman

14th Mackenzie Bloxham

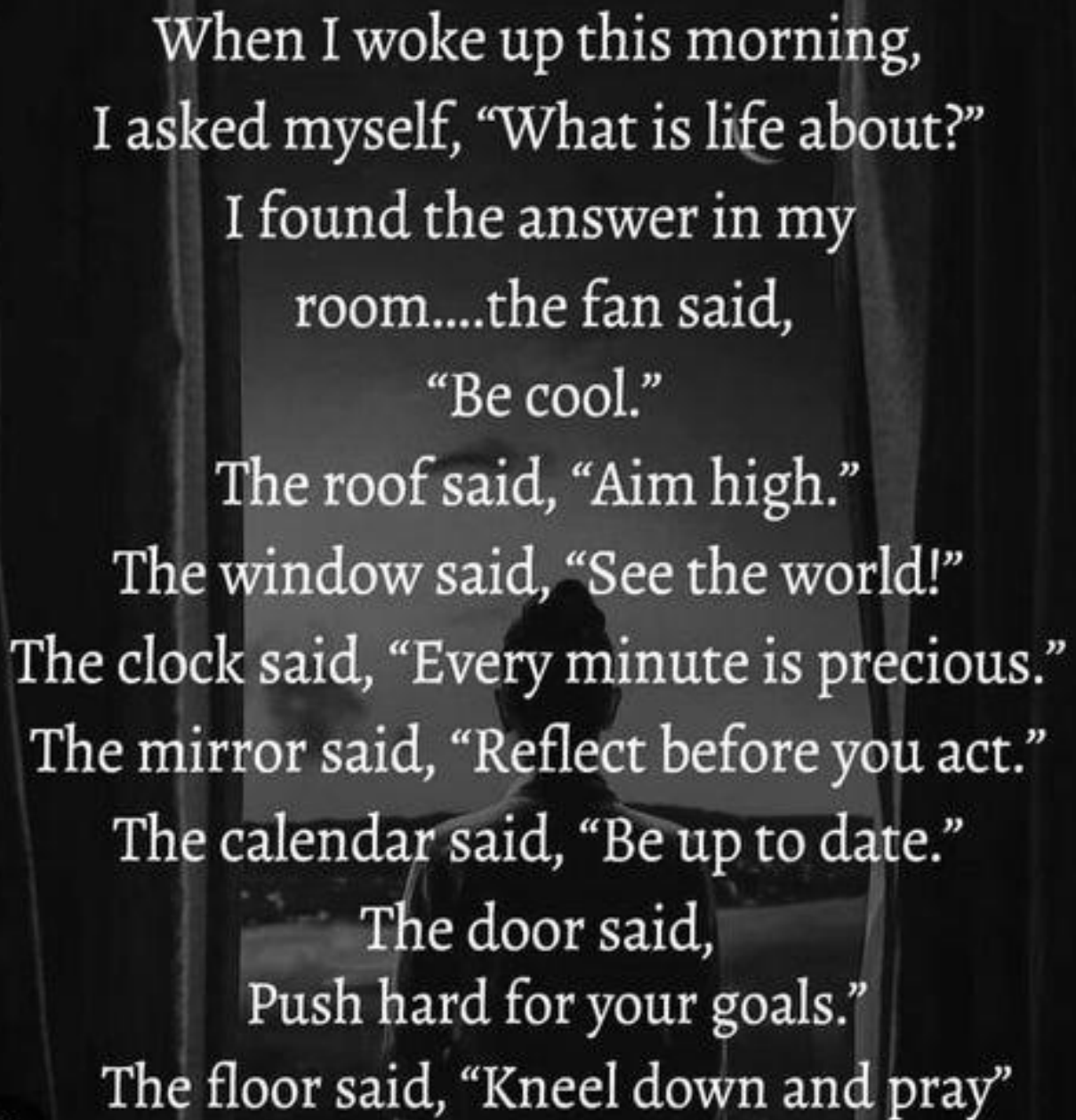
Easter Sunday 2021

Elizabeth and Sandra (that's me) were so looking forward to the Saffron Lane Church opening on Sunday morning the second Easter Sunday of Covid 2020- 2021!

This is our special year; we were going to celebrate Easter April 1961 to Easter April 2021 which is 60 years to the day that we were both baptised by full emersion by Rev. Richard Lampard, Minister at Saffron Lane Church of Christ as it was then from 1958 to 1962.

I think I was baptised first as I was 5 months older than Elizabeth, I am sure Elizabeth will tell me off if I am wrong. We can still remember the day well, being looked after by Mrs Gates Snr. Who had starched the baptismal gowns? We had to be peeled into them by her and as we walked to the baptistery the gowns looked if they had just come off the ironing board, they were totally flat. We looked like a pair of kites.

We were both made Deacon of the Churches of Christ as it was then, on the same day in 1978 and are still life long friends, only missing the years when she moved away for a bit.



When I woke up this morning,
I asked myself, "What is life about?"
I found the answer in my
room....the fan said,
"Be cool."
The roof said, "Aim high."
The window said, "See the world!"
The clock said, "Every minute is precious."
The mirror said, "Reflect before you act."
The calendar said, "Be up to date."
The door said,
Push hard for your goals."
The floor said, "Kneel down and pray"

Thank you to Elizabeth for spotting this on Facebook. Hopefully it will give us all inspiration in these trying times.

Easter by Doreen Storton

Another Easter Day is dawning,
Birds are singing up above,
Will the sun shine bright this morning?
Will the day be filled with Love?

Was it warm that other Easter?
Did he hear the birds at song?
As he rose and walked the pathway,
Ere his mother came along.

Easter eggs in coloured wrappers,
Loved by children everywhere;
Will they all awaken early?
Gifts and chocolates soon to share.

How different was that other Easter:
People mourned, they felt the loss,
Of Jesus Christ, their Lord and Saviour,
Who had died upon the cross?

Out will come those Easter bonnets,
Brought especially for this day:
Easter cards, their message bringing,
Daffodils so fresh and gay.

From the dead he arose that Sunday,
A few short hours was he to stay;
Long enough to show his people,
The meaning of Easter day.

Let us not forget that Easter,
Remember all he suffered there:
Until the day we meet in heaven,
We can reach the Lord in Prayer.

Whetstone News

With all the good news of improving local "R" rates and the majority of our Congregation having received their first jab, we are excited to reopen on **Sunday 4th April at 10:00 AM** for Easter Sunday worship, led by Rev. Les Gill and including Holy Communion.

Planned services for the rest of April are as follows:

11th - Rev. Martin Ferris

18th - Rev. Richard Eastman

25th - Mr. David Todd

Our decision to reopen is based on the latest data for our area and the government guidance which suggests coronavirus is something that we will have to live with for some time to come. Therefore, we must implement all necessary safety measures but in order to survive, we must reopen.

We must also consider the detrimental effect of Church closure on the mental health of our Congregation, who, without internet access, have been excluded from online worship and the daily devotionals and weekly services provided by Richard. Their lack of spiritual input can only be resolved by the reopening of the Church.

We are also aware of the decisions made by other local churches of various denominations, who, presented with the same data, in no way feel irresponsible by their decision to have remained open throughout the latest Lockdown, or to reopen by Palm Sunday at the latest.

Whilst not blindly led by their actions, following careful and prayerful consideration, we believe that reopening on Easter Sunday is both desirable and acceptable. We have completed another deep clean of the Church and have checked regularly on the building throughout Lockdown.

Whetstone News

Our large, airy building and organ, which draws air from a different room, thus providing a flow of fresh air, gives us the right conditions to reopen.

Of course, no one is forced to attend live worship. This includes both Congregation members and Worship Leaders, who attend at their own discretion. For anyone who does not wish to lead or attend live worship, alternative arrangements will be made.

The Zoom group service on the 14th March was both successful and much appreciated by all of those who attended. We thank Kevin for being Whetstone's representative and for his contribution to the service. Regrettably, given the age demographic of Whetstone's Congregation and the lack of internet access and expertise, most of our Congregation were unable to attend or participate in the Zoom service. However, thanks to Reverend Richard Eastman for Leading Worship and for supplying paper copies of the service so that even those who were unable to attend in person were able to attend in spirit.

We thank Reverend Richard Eastman for all of his services, provided in various formats throughout the Lockdown.

We also thank Di Statham for continuing to produce a group magazine, enabling us all to keep in contact, even though meeting together has been impermissible. We thank Kevin for collecting and producing items for the magazine on the behalf of Whetstone URC and for delivering paper copies to members of the Congregation.

We send Easter blessings to all our friends across the group.

The wisdom of children.

A Sunday School teacher was observing her class. She noticed that one girl was working particularly hard on her drawing.

"What are you drawing?" the teacher asked.

"God," the girl replied.

"But no-one knows what God looks like," explained the teacher.

The girl responded: "They will in a minute, when my drawing's finished!"



Answers to our Lent Word Scramble last month are:

Chocolate,
Selfies,
Alcohol,
Cake,
Social media,
Meat,
Coffee,
Gossiping,
Complaining,
Swearing,
Fast food,
Smoking.

WHAT'S THAT HYMN?

If ATBAB is **A**ll **T**hings **B**right **A**nd **B**eautiful, what are these Easter hymns?

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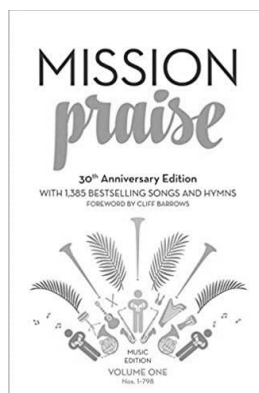
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Usual Weekly Worship

10.45 a.m. (on Zoom unless otherwise notified)

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Communion at 6 p.m.

Good Friday morning worship 10.45 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship at 10.45 a.m.

Please feel free to join us for any of these services.

Details on our website:

<https://www.abbotsroadurc.com/services-via zoom>

Quiz Night by Edith Middleton

On Wednesday night Abbots Road team of quizzers wait for the Zoom code to take part in the weekly quiz. Questions are set by those taking part and on the widest of subjects.

The results are logged on Paul Hadley's spread sheet to see who came top or bottom on the night. Some are clever and others not, but it doesn't matter, it is great fun to do and we can all learn too.



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Messy Church April 2021

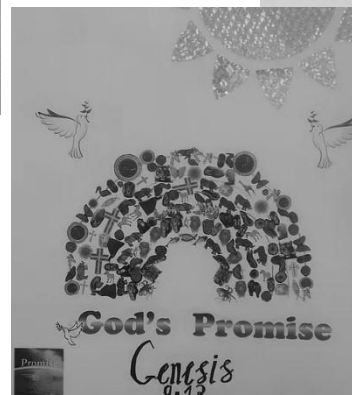
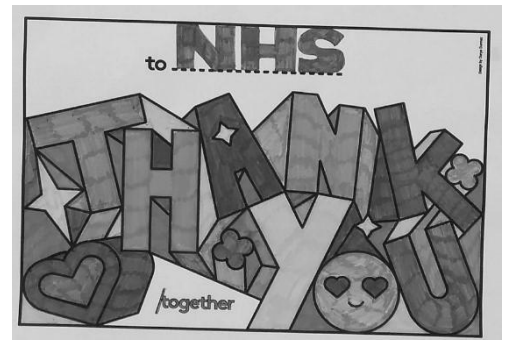
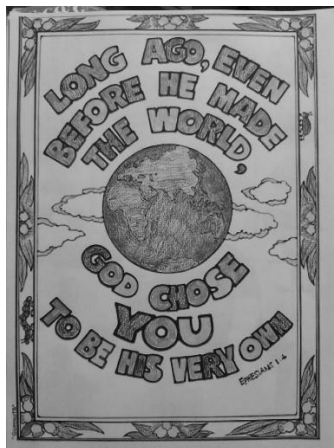
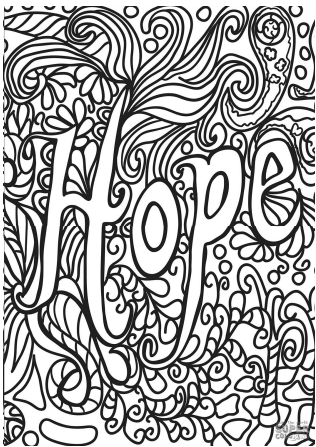
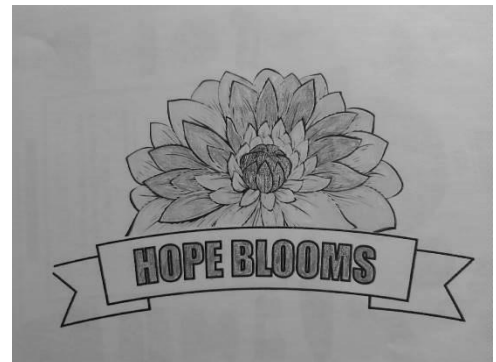
Normally Messy Church families would meet at Abbots Road Church on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this during the pandemic.

For April 2021 we are encouraging our Messy Church families to be as creative as they wish on the topic of Hope. This is similar to what we did in lockdown June 2020 positive messages and examples can be found at

<https://www.abbotsroadurc.com/latest-news>.

Please feel free to join us and send us photos of anything you have created for HOPE. We will share your photo on our website under the Messy Church April 2021 banner.

Please send photos to email guswebbe@gmail.com or whatsapp 07732473114.



Abbots Road News

A Hymn for Mothers Day

The blessings of a mother's love
Are written on her heart
They're given freely with such joy
Right from the very start .

The language of a mother's love
Is not defined by words
But in the gentle caring touch
And strong unbroken cords.

She holds us in her loving arms
To teach rebuke and praise
And so we learn that love is shown In many different ways.

So help us Lord to share that love
Wherever we are called.
As Mary learned and Jesus taught
This love can heal the world.

Words by Dorothy Russell (c) 2021

Tune: How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds AR Reinagle 1799-1877



The Ark Preschool - Abbots Road United Reformed Church

Although Abbots Road is currently closed for worship, The Ark remains open. Life at The Ark is a little bit different due to Covid restrictions but we are finding new ways of doing things and continuing to have lots of fun as we learn.

We usually do lots of cooking at The Ark, but sadly, we are unable to at the moment, so we wondered what we could make for the children's Mums/Carers for Mother's Day.

Due to the world we live in at the moment we thought it would be great to make soap. After all, the children are expert at washing their hands! And what better soap for the children at The Ark to create than Rainbow Soap.

Ingredients: (all available online)

Melt and Pour soap base

Mica powder colours

Essential Oil (we used Baby Powder oil)

Method:

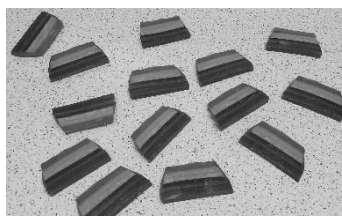
Cut the soap block into 7 pieces

Melt one slice in the microwave for 50 seconds

Add a few drops of oil, quarter teaspoon of powder

Mix and pour into a silicone loaf tin

Allow at least half an hour to set then repeat with other colours



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The Ark Preschool cont.....



**It's well known at Abbots Road that Pam tells a good Joke??
Here are some 'Jokes' for you.**

What did the pirate say on his 80th Birthday? 'Aye Matey.'

Why couldn't the bike stand up on its own? Because it was two tired

I used to have a job in a Calendar factory but I got the sack because I took a couple of days off.

A wife said to her husband, 'What are you doing in that wardrobe?'
He replied, 'Narnia business.'

Age UK Oadby & Wigston

It is with great sadness that we learn of the plans to close Age UK Oadby and Wigston this month.

It all began with Wigston Old People's Welfare Association in 1965. Chairman was the late Curtis Weston, a member of the then Church of Christ in South Wigston. (now the URC) He was a local and County Councillor and a tireless worker for the people of South Wigston. He was replaced in 1970 by Alan Kind a member at South Wigston Methodist Church.

The Association became Age Concern in 1971. Through Alan Kind, a Contact Centre for the elderly was started at the South Wigston Methodist church in 1971, serving drinks and biscuits on Tuesday and Thursday morning. This was staffed by volunteers from the Methodist church and the other churches in South Wigston.

A Saturday luncheon club was also held at the Methodist church, catering for 25 plus men and women each week, again staffed by the ladies of the church on a rota basis, with the men providing the transport. These activities continued until they were transferred to the Basset Centre, where, as well as the coffee mornings, lunches were served during the week.

An office above the Oadby and Wigston Advertiser newspaper on Long Street was leased for 2 hours on a Wednesday afternoon, for the elderly to call in with any problems they had, this was staffed by volunteers. Later a liaison officer was appointed to do this work, this was Age Concern's first paid helper. Paid for with a grant from the local authority.

The dream was for a Centre where people could drop in for tea and coffee every day, and the committee was working hard to achieve this. Several sites had been looked at, and in 1974 a site in Paddock Street was earmarked for the Day Centre.

Fundraising began in earnest with coffee mornings, street collections and some very generous donations. The Local Council made an interest free loan of £12,000. A highlight was the "Buy a Brick" appeal, which was started off by Larry Grayson of TV fame.

Building began in 1977 with Alan Kind as the architect and R C Weston as the builders. Work was completed by December and the volunteers moved in doing internal work.

The Day Centre opened in 1978, the dream had become a reality. There were drinks and snacks, help was available, later lunches were served, and there was a room for hire.

Through Help the Aged the first mini- bus was purchased to bring people into the Centre. Things went from strength to strength and the building was extended in 1981 and has been extended again since then.

The Association became Age UK Oadby and Wigston in 2012. Throughout the years the Association has grown from the first drop-in coffee morning centre and expanded to accommodate the needs of the local community in a purpose-built building. Facilities have broadened, and residents have benefited from a restaurant, coffee bar, education, exercise and keep fit, socialising, free information and advice, the shop and many other activities and services.

For many years Wigston Magna URC used the centre for their Spring and Christmas bazaars.

Age UK Oadby and Wigston will be sadly missed by all of those who have used it.

Thanks to Brenda Kind (South Wigston Methodist Church) for this information.

Where Do We Go Next

As the various restrictions start to be lifted it is time for our churches to consider "what happens next". The last 12 months have seen a lot of changes to the way we worship and the closure of our other activities. But now is the time to start thinking about how our churches can best serve the communities where we are located. Do we return to what we were doing before or do we look for new activities that will better serve the needs of our communities.

It is planned to put a small group together from the South Leicestershire Group and Abbots Road to discuss the possible mission projects that would be of value to the areas served by the South Leicestershire Group of Churches.

If you would like to be part of this discussion Group please advise your own Church Secretary or contact Di Statham (0116 2810053 / di.statham@btinternet.com)

Think Before you Speak

Sometimes we know what we mean to say but the wording does not come out "quite" right. Here are a few notice announcements that could maybe have worded slightly differently :-

"Please place your donation in the box along with the deceased person you want remembered".

"The local school will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement on Friday at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend this tragedy."

"The Weight Watchers group will meet in the Church at 7pm on Monday. Please enter via the large double doors".

A Picture for you to colour

The Last Supper



Lectionary Readings

April 4th 2021

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

April 11th 2021

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalms 133,

1 John 1: 1-2;2

John 20: 19-31

April 18th

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalms 4:

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

April 25th

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalms 23;

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18