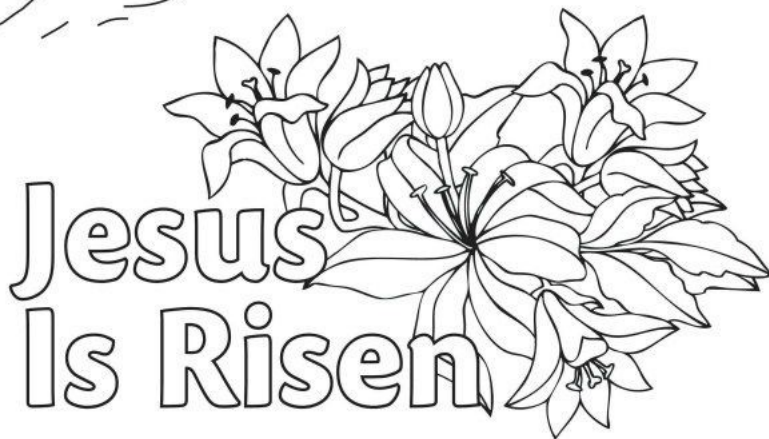
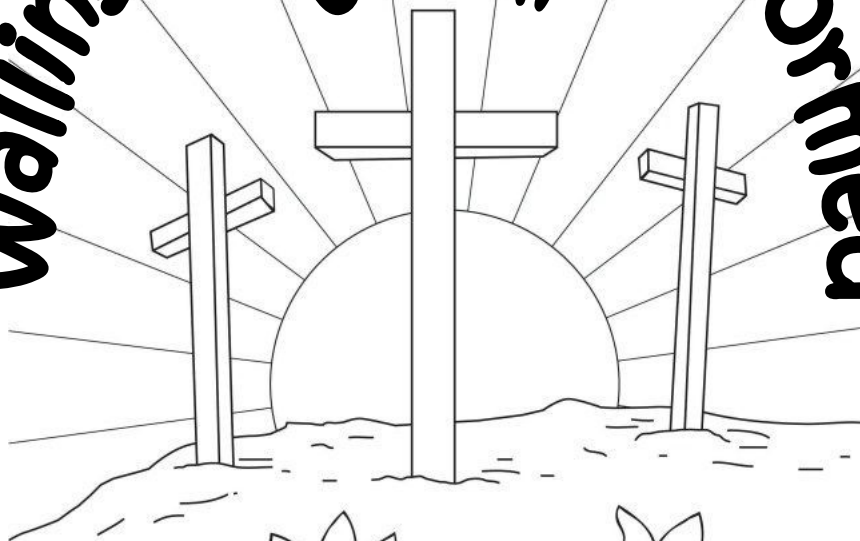




Wallington United Reformed Church



Jesus
Is Risen

CONTACT

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Dear Friends....

In the past I have been asked "*What is the most difficult thing about leading worship?*"

Of course there are many things that make the leading of public worship a challenge but from my point of view the hardest thing is something over which I have little or no control - the attitude with which people come to worship!

People can come to church with a variety of feelings (for example, excitement, sadness, joy or worry) and there will always be a mixture of these in the people gathered on a Sunday. However people also come with an attitude and it is here that the difficulty arises. Some approach worship (regardless of who is leading) in expectation - they expect to hear something from God in some part of the service whether it be the sermon, hymns, prayers, music, silences or some other element in our time together. Others approach worship wanting to be entertained - they expect the leader to put on a great show and to hear good music and a well polished sermon. Those with the first attitude are usually satisfied, and those with the latter attitude can often be disappointed.

When one is leading worship it can be very frustrating when you are aware that a large number of those present are there to observe and be entertained rather than coming expectant and ready to participate. It is usually clear when that is the case - it shows itself in silences rather than people joining

in with the “Amen’s”, in mumbled singing rather than vocal praise, and a general atmosphere of disinterest that is often all too clear from the front.

Of course some enter the church on a Sunday wanting to be entertained and find themselves caught up in the service and becoming greatly expectant. However, as a leader of worship, it is difficult to make people receptive to God coming to them in worship if they don’t expect it to happen in the first place. In answer to the question put to me, that is the hardest thing when leading worship.

This isn’t only true of worship, however. God is present in all of life and if we live in expectancy – looking for his presence all the time, not just when we are in church – we are far more likely to recognise him than if we are waiting for the clouds to be parted and some incredible manifestation to hit us straight between the eyes.

May you discover God in the common place and regular as well as those moments of transcendence.

Craig Bowman

Our Wider Community

When faced with a crisis like the conflict in Ukraine, it can be hard to know how to pray. But the desire to pray itself is a great place to start.

The Bible can help guide us in prayer – especially in tough situations when it can be difficult to find the right words.

Choose one of the following passages of scripture to read through, or pick your own: Matthew 6:6-13; Isaiah 61:1-4; or Luke 6:20-26.

- Slowly read the passage through and familiarise yourself with it.
- Read it for a second time. You may want to speak it out loud. Think about the specific needs of the people in Ukraine, those who have fled and the role of the church in this region.
- Before reading it for a third time, pause and ask the Holy Spirit to highlight a word or line to you. Ask God why this was highlighted for you.
- Continue to listen to God and to the Holy Spirit. This may be through pictures, words or more scripture.
- End by thanking God for working in and through you.

We also ask your prayers for all those who continue to be affected by the Covid-19 virus. Infections are still widespread although we hope to minimise transmission of the virus as much as we can. We pray for the speedy recovery and recuperation of those who are still suffering the effects of the virus.

May God grant you his peace.

If you have any news of the church family to bring us up to date please contact Alan. 020 8274 2136

Or Email: pastoral@wurc.org.uk

Names will only be shared in the version of Contact which goes to our usual fellowship and not put into the version posted on our website.

Prayers for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and
in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

*by Archbishop Justin Welby
& Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.*

Holy and Gracious God
We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for
their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms
hold them in this time of great fear.
We pray for all those who have the power over life and death;
that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.
We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that
you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and
seek for peace.
We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by
the wisdom and courage of Christ.
Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.
And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.
Lord have mercy.
Amen

From the Methodist church

To: Ministers, Church Secretaries and all church members

21 February 2022

Dear All,

1. Ministry and Mission Contributions

2021

On behalf of the United Reformed Church, I thank each church within Southern Synod for their efforts in contributing to the M&M Fund in 2021. It was a difficult year for all of us. Thanks to your church's efforts Southern Synod was able to meet its' M&M commitment to the URC enabling the URC to meet its obligations to ministers, staff, and its' mission to Christ's wider church.

2022

Churches M&M commitments for 2022 have been very encouraging. The Synod Office appreciates that this year may be even more difficult for some churches due to the long periods of enforced closure in 2021. We ask that should you begin to experience difficulty in meeting your 2022 commitment please do not hesitate in contacting your Area Synod Treasurer or Catherine Kingdom at the Synod Office. It is important that any problems are advised as soon as possible in order that a solution may be found.

2. My 29th September 2020 letter

In my letter of 29 September 2020, I advised that we had funding available through the Synod Finance Office to assist churches in enabling them to provide on-line and recorded Sunday services and to communicate virtually with their congregations. It appears that some churches still believe that they should approach the Synod Office for this funding. The responsibility to administer this funding shifted to the Strategic Mission Panel some time ago. My apologies if this has not been made sufficiently clear. Should you wish to seek funding to assist with these projects please contact the panel through Martin Hayward, Mission Development Officer, prior to carrying out any work.

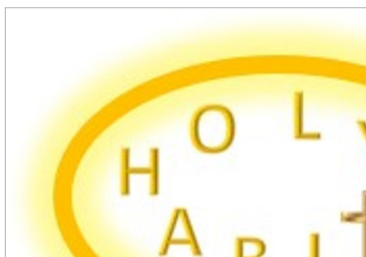
Church Governance Roadshows

Catherine and I hope to restart these roadshows in the first quarter of 2022. Your Area Synod Treasurer will contact you when we have set up a date with your area.

Very best regards,



John Denison
Synod Treasurer



Holy Habits for Lent *Following Jesus*

Holy Habits Lenten course has been a journey looking at Holy Habits in the life of Jesus.

For the five weeks during Lent, we have "Following Jesus" (not a bad idea, during Lent, surely!) each evening session lasted about an hour, and involved a mix of discussion, fun and fellowship. Each session stands alone, so it's fine if you can only make the last one.

It takes place, via Zoom, on Wednesday 7th April.

The session will start at 8.00pm and finish by approx 9.00-9.15pm. Phil Hyde is leading the group.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

PLEASE NOTE...Articles for the May 2022 issue of Contact should be given to Janet or Robin Willis by **Friday 22nd April** unless a later date has been agreed by prior arrangement.

Contributions are very acceptable by
e-mail: jmw321wmj @ yahoo.co.uk.

Faith - Hope - Love - since 1972



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Later in the year will be the fiftieth anniversary of URC, fifty years since the United Reformed Church came into being...

*Later in 2022 We may join
with St Andrew's, Cheam, to
celebrate with a service and a social
time.*



50th Anniversary tickets available

FREE tickets to the Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving are now available. On the afternoon of 1st October 2022, at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, where the Uniting Assembly of the URC took place in October 1972, a chance to give thanks and to celebrate the five decades of the United Reformed Church. It would be really great for as many people as possible to attend from across the denomination.

Book your tickets- Eventbrite booking system at: bit.ly/urc50.

2022 Prayer Handbook

Edited by Karen Campbell and Ian Fosten

It is fifty years since the United Reformed Church came into being.

(This is something that is likely to be a re-occurring
theme throughout the year.)

Recognising this significant milestone,
'Jubilee' is the theme for the 2022 Prayer Handbook.

This Jubilee is not so much a time for looking back, but can give us
an opportunity to look honestly, carefully and prayerfully at where we are
encountering God in everyday events today.

The Cost of Calling

In the 2022 Prayer Handbook, by John Proctor

In the midst of Holy Week,
as branches are cleared from the road
and the earth waits for the planting of the cross,
we pray for people who bear the cost today
of faithful speech and truthful service.

For all in our time who need courage
to speak with integrity, vision and honesty,
in law, in print, in government, in the arts.
For prophets who speak for justice,
preachers who challenge power,
politicians who hate corruption,
poets who voice the world's agony and delight.

Teach them, we ask,
to sustain the weary with a word.
Wake them, we pray,
morning by morning to the wisdom of God.
Strengthen them, for the sake of truth,
not hide or turn back,
but to follow calling and principle and need.
Give them confidence, as you gave it to Jesus,
to stand and not shrink,
to speak for goodness and hope,
and if suffering comes, to bear it without shame.

Witnesses

In the 2022 Prayer Handbook, by Stephen Anso-Addo

Jesus, we are witnesses of your Glory,
the resurrection and the life.
We desire to honour you, by *living* the gospel!
Forgive us when powers of human authority
silence compassion and neighbourly love.

We are witnesses of your Glory, Lord.
Help us to follow your voice,
and strengthen our character to share your compassion and love.
In a world where some would want us silent,
unbind us,
and help us speak truth and love.
Amen

So much has been upside-down since March 2020 it has been really wonderful that we have still been able to support a variety of charities.

Over the last 18-20 months we have managed to raise over

£3600

with outside sales, marmalade and jam,
books, face masks, cards, wrapping paper
and some cakes now and then.

A very big

THANK YOU

for helping us to reach this fantastic total

So far we have raised **£228.00**
for **Nickel Support**.
A chance for people with learning disabilities to shine.
A very **BIG** thank you to everyone
for their support.
The next sale will be on
Friday 13th May
Please watch for details.

Prayer: Lord of all, we ask such courage
as those who were faithful to you in past generations.
Strengthen our resolve to be always loyal, true and
faithful to you our Saviour, Master, King. Amen.

Patrick, David, and Andrew, the patron saints of
Ireland, Wales and Scotland, all seem to be more
celebrated in their respective countries than does Saint
George of England. Some public buildings and churches
will display his flag of a red cross on a white ground on
the 23rd April but compared with the celebrations in
Ireland, Wales and Scotland on their saint's days, the
English appear very subdued.

Did you know that George was not always our patron saint? Originally
it was Edward the Confessor. George replaced him in times of the Crusades, in
which he fought. King Edward the third made him patron saint of England
when he formed the Order of the Garter in the twelfth century. There are
many myths and legends surrounding him, most famously his slaying of the
dragon. For this he is usually pictured wearing a red cloak, riding a white
horse, lance in hand. Intent on defeating the dragon, which represents
wickedness and all evil.

Tradition holds that George was a Roman soldier, a devout Christian
who was martyred for his faith. The Emperor had declared that all Christians
were the enemies of Rome, but George refused to compromise with the truth.
Many went into hiding, knowing death was the penalty for professing faith,
but we are told that George openly declared his faith and that cost him his life.
So he became a symbol of truth honour, courage and integrity. George died
rather than deny his faith; may he and his red cross inspire us to follow closely
the one who is *'the Way, the Truth and the Life'*.



Commitment for Life Prayer Partners resource offers prayers based on 'Life-giving faith, defiant hope, generous love'.

The prayers can be used to help people focus on generosity of mind and spirit.

Prayer for Global Justice Now By Heidi Chow
(Global Justice Now / Jubilee Debt Campaign)



Dear God, thank you that economic and social justice are at the heart of who you are and that you stand on the side of those who are oppressed and marginalised. We pray for those on the frontlines of global injustice – healthcare workers and vulnerable people who are struggling to access vaccines in the global south, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods because of the climate crisis, countries that are struggling to fund healthcare because of crippling debt to international banks, black communities and people of colour who are on the sharp end of racial injustice, and communities that are fighting trade deals that prioritise corporate interests over human rights and public services. We pray for victories for communities and campaigners in the fight for a people's vaccine, for climate justice, for debt justice and for trade justice.

We pray that solidarity, peace and justice will prevail.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Services for Holy Week



Sunday 10th April 10.30a.m.

Family Worship for Palm Sunday

Thursday 14th April 8.00p.m.

Maundy Thursday Meditation and Service, will be held at Wallington URC. All members of St Andrew's, Cheam and SLTC are warmly invited.

All welcome.

*Remembering the Last Supper Jesus
shared with his friends.*

Good Friday 15th April 10.00a.m.

Good Friday Happening.

*You are invited to join us
for Easter activities for all ages.*

Finishing at approximately 12 noon.



**Sunday 17th April
10.30a.m.**

Family Worship for
Easter Day.

This service will include the
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Diary Dates			
April			
Sunday	3rd	10.30am	Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Sunday	10th	10.30am	Morning service
Thursday	14th	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Friday	15th	10.00am	Good Friday Happening
Sunday	17th	10.30am	Morning service, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion... to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Sunday	24th	10.30am	Morning service
May			
Sunday	1st	10.30am	Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Sunday	10th	10.30am	Morning service

Sudoku Answers for March:

3	4	1	2	9	7	8	5	6
9	5	8	6	4	3	7	1	2
2	7	6	5	8	1	3	9	4
8	1	3	7	2	5	6	4	9
4	2	5	3	6	9	1	8	7
7	6	9	8	1	4	5	2	3
1	3	2	9	7	8	4	6	5
6	8	7	4	5	2	9	3	1
5	9	4	1	3	6	2	7	8

Puzzle Corner

Crucifixion:

Accused,
Angeles, Beaten,
Betrayed, Blood,
Bowed head,
Brother, Cast
lots, Commit,
Cross, Crown,
Denied, Father,
Finished,
Forsaken,
Hands, Heaven,
Holy Spirit,
Innocent, Jesus,
Kiss, Lies, Mary,
Ministering,
Mocked, Money,
Mother,
Paradise, Peter,
Pierced, Prayers,
Priests, Robe,
Side, Soldiers, Son, Stripes, Tears, Thieves, Thorns, Whipped.

C	D	E	S	U	C	C	A	F	M	O	C	K	E	D
H	O	R	A	E	C	R	O	S	S	N	W	O	R	C
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R	H	E	A	V	E	N	E	T	A	E	B	G	S	K

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 by 9 grid. This grid is subdivided into nine 3 x 3 boxes.

Some of the cells in the grid are prefilled with a number between 1 and 9, while many other cells are blank.

Your job is to determine the correct number to be entered in each of the empty cells.

The numbers 1 to 9 must appear just once in each row, column, and 3 x 3 box.

	2		3		6	4		7
	6			9	4		2	5
9		4			5			
			8			6		1
	3	2	5				4	
		5			9			
	8		1		3			2
2	4		9			1	3	
1			6		8		7	4

Bible Quiz: The Final Days

1) Jesus told His disciples in advance that He would be killed and raised again on the third day. One disciple replied, "Never, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" Which one?

- ☐ Andrew
- ☐ Peter
- ☐ Thomas
- ☐ Philip

2) Jesus made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday before Passover in about the year 30 A.D., less than a week before His crucifixion on the following Friday. How did He enter the city?

- ☐ Walking with His disciples
- ☐ Riding on a camel
- ☐ Carried on the shoulders of the people
- ☐ Riding on a donkey

3) Who did Jesus drive out of the temple area?

- ☐ Those buying and selling
- ☐ The curious who came just to get a glimpse of Him
- ☐ The Pharisees
- ☐ The Sadducees

4) Who questioned Jesus' authority as He was teaching in the temple court?

- ☐ The Pharisees
- ☐ The Sadducees
- ☐ The chief priests and elders
- ☐ The Roman soldiers

5) What did Jesus say when asked if it was right to pay taxes to Caesar?

- ☐ "You cannot love both God and money."
- ☐ "It is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle."
- ☐ "No man shall claim what is God's alone."
- ☐ "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

6) Which are the greatest of the commandments, according to Jesus?

- ☐ "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
- ☐ "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me" and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
- ☐ "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me" and "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."
- ☐ "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

7) How much did the chief priests pay Judas to betray Jesus?

- ☐ Thirty pieces of silver
- ☐ Thirty pieces of gold
- ☐ Thirty shekels
- ☐ Thirty talents

8) Jesus ate the "Last Supper" with His disciples on Thursday evening, the day before He was crucified. What did Jesus say to His disciples when he broke the bread?

- ☐ "The hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table."
- ☐ "This is the new covenant of my body, which is given for you."
- ☐ "I will not eat this bread again until it finds fulfilment in the Kingdom of God."
- ☐ "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

9) After eating the "Last Supper", Jesus and His disciples went to a place called Gethsemane where Jesus prayed. There the betrayer, Judas, identified Jesus to a crowd sent by the chief priests. The crowd seized Jesus and took him before the chief priest who intended to find evidence to put Jesus to death.

How did Judas identify Jesus to the crowd?

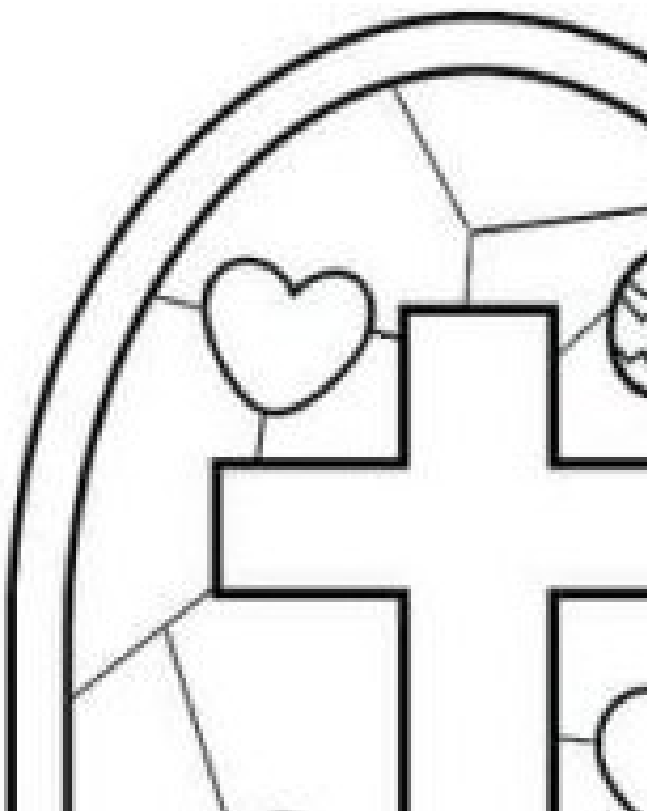
- ☐ He spat in Jesus face.
- ☐ He pointed to Jesus and said, "There is the traitor."
- ☐ He kissed Jesus.
- ☐ He placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head

10) By early Friday morning the chief priests and elders had determined to put Jesus to death. They bound Him, took Him before Pontius Pilate, and demanded He be killed. What was Pilate's position?

- ☐ King of Judea
- ☐ Chief Priest of the temple
- ☐ Governor of Judea
- ☐ Emperor of the Roman Empire.

...and a picture to colour

He has F



EVERY WEEK AT WALLINGTON U.R.C.

Times of Worship

Sunday 10.30am Family Service

Activities you can find on our Premises

Monday - Friday 9.15am-1.15pm Holmwood Pre – school

Monday	10.00-11.00am	Yoga
	2.00-4.00pm	Bananas Art
	4.15-7.30pm	Reigate Academy of Dance
	7.45-10.00pm	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	9.15am-1.20pm	Hartbeeps (mother and baby activities)
	1.40-3.40pm	U3A Art Group
	5.00-6.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00-7.30pm	Brownies (10th Wallington)
	8.00-10.00pm	Epsom Downs Badminton, Winter(Sept-May)
Wednesday	7.30-10.00pm	Chess Club
Thursday	11.00-12.00noon	Senior Movers Exercise
	2.00-4.00pm	Ladies' Badminton, Winter(Sept-May)
	2.00-4.00pm	Fallen Angels Drama
	7.25-10.00pm	Carshalton & Wallington Art Group
Friday	9.30am-12.30pm	NAS Coffee morning
	6.45-8.30pm	Guides(8th Wallington)
Saturday	8.15-9.45am	Fitness
	9.00-10.00	Yoga
	10.00-12.30pm	Zumba



South London Tamil Church (SLTC)

SLTC are now regularly using our premises for their Sunday services.

Their service starts at 3pm, and everyone is very welcome to join them.