

South & East Leicestershire Area United Reformed Churches



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Martin's Message



Dear Friends

As a child there are always those specific moments in your life that you remember vividly. One moment that came to mind was when my Grandson Ethan dressed up as the character from the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Some of you may be familiar with the story, but for those of you who are not, it is a good read, even if it is a children's story! The story's sublime message is captured by the illustrations accompanying it. When our girls were young, this was a favourite of theirs because it explained the life-cycle of a caterpillar that develops into this beautiful butterfly; a word commonly known as '*metamorphosis*'.

The Oxford living dictionary describes the word '*metamorphosis*' as a "process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct stages." Some years ago, I visited the butterfly paradise exhibit at London Zoo and walking through the caterpillar shaped structure containing many different species of butterflies and moths, it made me consider the four different stages of their development before being fully transformed within its cocoon and emerging fully transformed into a beautiful butterfly. A life-cycle of 28 weeks then begins again. In 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story, we read that the caterpillar ate and ate and ate until he was not hungry anymore to enable the transformation.

Peter describes a person's transformation in moving from one's old self and becoming completely changed into a new creation, developing the mind and character of God. *"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind."*

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good"

1 Peter 2:1-3. The word transformed is derived from the Greek 'metamorphoo' which means someone undergoing a profound transformation. Paul uses this exact phrase when addressing the church in Rome, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will"* Romans 12:2.

As a church we are entering a period of transformation. If we are to survive into the future, this transformation needs to take place and quickly, as the World is moving on! Just because we have done things a certain way for so long, if it is not working then we need to have the courage to change it so that our time for God is productive. I know this brings a sense of trepidation for some, but as a family we will learn and grow together to overcome any obstacles. These are challenging but also exciting times which are ahead of us, as we ready ourselves to take up the baton and be part of this new phase in life's journey together.

Shalom

Martin



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 when services are taking place at any of the Area Churches.

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Sunday 22 September 2024

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Worship Leaders for September 2024

Oadby

- 1 Shirley Eastman Communion
- 8 Worship Group (and Church Meeting)
- 15 Revd David Howlett Communion
- 22 Revd Geoffrey Clarke Church Anniversary
- 29 Shirley Eastman Harvest

Saffron Lane

- 1 Revd Richard Eastman
- 8 Revd David Howlett
- 15 Julie Slatford
- 22 Joining with Oadby URC
- 29 Revd Richard Eastman

South Wigston

- 1 David Miller Café Style Service
- 8 Revd Martin Ferris
- 15 Revd Les Gill
- 22 Joining with Oadby URC
- 29 Eileen Williams

Wigston Magna

- 1 David Coxhead
- 8 Julie Slatford
- 15 Revd Jacquie Gavin Communion
- 22 Worship Group Harvest Songs of Praise
- 29 Revd David Howlett

Whetstone

- 1 Revd David Howlett Communion
- 8 David North
- 15 Revd Martin Ferris
- 22 Joining with Oadby URC
- 29 Eric Hanson

Abbots Road

- 1 Revd Martin Ferris Communion
- 8 W.T. / Elders
- 15 Revd Pam Smith
- 22 Eric Hanson
- 29 Revd Martin Ferris Harvest Festival

Regular Church Events

Oadby URC

Weekly Coffee Morning
Every Monday from 10.00 - 12.00 -
including Bank Holidays

11 O'Clock Club
1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30 am for 11.00 start

Ladies Group
4th Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Craft Group
4th Saturday 11.00 am - at 25 Chestnut Ave, Oadby

Whetstone URC

Community Coffee Morning Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Saffron Lane URC

Weekly 3T's (Tea, Toast & Talk) Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Wigston Magna

Community Cinema
Alternate Months from February - 1.30 pm

Sit Sip and Social
2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm - 4 pm

Coffee Morning Every Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

South Wigston

Drop In with coffee / tea. 4th Wednesday of each month

Abbots Road

Lunchbox every Tuesday from 12.30pm - 3 course meal
£5.00

Quiz Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm (on Zoom)

Thursday Stay and Play and Little Borrowers toy library.
For children aged 0-4 years old and their parents/carers
10.00 to 11.30 £1.50 per family

Saturday Coffee Morning including a raffle, on Zoom
from 10.30am. Raising funds for our chosen charities
Baby Bank and Peace Centre Food Bank.

Bible Bytes

Wednesday 4 September 2024

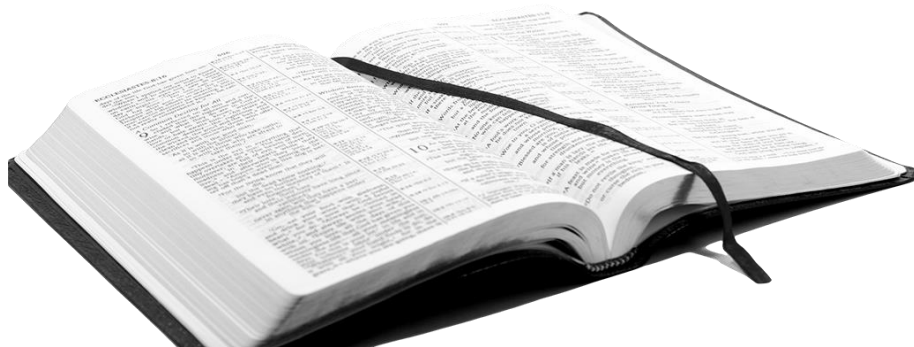
10.30 am

Saffron Lane URC

Come and enjoy a light and friendly discussion

No Need to be a " Bible Expert"

EVERYBODY welcome



General Assembly 2024

What a privilege it was to be able to attend the United Reformed Church General Assembly this year, after a break of about 20 years. It was no problem travelling to The Hayes in Swanwick, Derbyshire, that is where we go for the Christian Women's Fellowship weekend every February.

Seeing people who have I met over the years and renewing friendships; meeting new people who have become friends was one of the highlights of the weekend for me.

As usual at the Hayes, the food was great, but far too much for my small appetite; the business was extremely interesting but very tiring as you have to concentrate for so long! Most of the business will filter down through the Synod meeting and to the churches for the members consideration.

The worship was brilliant - an electric piano and drums mainly, and sometimes supplemented by a saxophone player (who had come all the way from South Africa) and on the Sunday morning by banjo. There was dancing in the aisles! And - the Bible studies were enlightening and thought-provoking.

Everyone was made to feel very welcome and those from our Synod who gave up their time to be stewards did a great job - no question was too trivial, and they knew the way to wherever you needed to go. I recommend everyone who feels called, to put your name forward to attend General Assembly. You won't be disappointed, and I don't think that you will find anywhere else that has such a diverse attendance. We are indeed a broad church and sometimes it takes a gathering as large as an Assembly to help us to remember that.

Eileen

Community Cinema

Monday 7 October 2024

THE OLD OAK

1.30 pm

Doors Open 12.45 pm

Light Refreshments Available.

Admission Free - but
Donations welcome

Wigston Magna News

Community Cinema at Long Street

In August we held our bi-monthly cinema. This time we were showing "The Secret Garden", a lovely family film, to which came families - children with parents or grandparents who all seemed to enjoy it judging by the quiet during the film and the chatter afterwards.

As mentioned earlier it was a lovely film. There was a raffle for a prize which was connected in some way to the film which was drawn after the film while folks were enjoying hot and cold drinks and biscuits. Drinks and biscuits were also available before the film when meeting up with friends once again. People were discussing what the next film would be and there was lots of "see you next time" comments before people set off for home after a lovely afternoon out.

Thanks to our hardworking team and our intrepid film operator.

Birthdays in September

2 nd	Brenda Colgate
12 th	Lynda Fisher
17 th	Nick Dunkerley
19 th	Shaun Powell
20 th	Eileen Williams



Wigston Magna News

Cream Tea at Long Street

At our Cream Tea event in August the church was filled with tables sporting cheerful gingham tablecloths and posies of flowers. These were then duly filled with families, friends and folk meeting for the first time, both adults and children. There was a lovely friendly atmosphere with smiles and laughter around the church. There were people from the churches and the surrounding neighbourhood. The teas were delicious and we had a wonderful waiting service. There were plain and fruit scones, 2 kinds of jam, butter and cream plus a cup or pot of tea.

There was a steady stream of people coming in all afternoon. It was a really enjoyable afternoon out. There were lots of volunteers who were serving, waiting on tables, washing up, drying and generally clearing up afterwards. Many thanks to Malcolm, Eileen, Susan, Anne, Nick, Sandra, Julie, and also Joan for the lovely light and fluffy homemade scones .



Tables and Chairs

We will soon be ordering new tables and chairs for our coffee area at the back of the sanctuary.

If anyone is interested in having any of the old tables and chairs, please let us know.

RECIPE – September: Chicken Cordon Bleu (Serves 4)

Pre-heat oven to Gas 5/190 C/375 F

4 x 150g skinless, boneless chicken breasts

50g wafer-thin ham

50g cheddar cheese

1 small egg

50g dried breadcrumbs

Salt & pepper (to taste)

Lemon wedges (to serve)

- 1 Using a sharp knife, cut a pocket in each chicken breast, and stuff with an equal amount of ham and cheese.
- 2 Season with salt and pepper, and close the pockets with cocktail sticks.
- 3 Beat the egg with 2 tablespoons of cold water.
- 4 Sprinkle the breadcrumbs on to a plate and dip each chicken breast first into the egg, then into the breadcrumbs, pressing them in well.
- 5 Place chicken in a roasting pan and cook for 30 - 35 minutes, until tender.
- 6 Serve with lemon wedges.



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GARDENING TIPS: September:

- 1 Plant iris and Spring-flowering bulbs.
- 2 Neatly edge the borders of the lawn.
- 3 Remove algae from the pond and remove dead water lily leaves.
- 4 Reduce the amount of feed you are feeding the fish.
- 5 Bring any remaining tomatoes indoors to ripen, get rid of tomato plants.
- 6 Split up any herbs that have grown too large, such as lovage, hyssop, chives, mint, and transplant.

DIARY: September

- 4 Bible Bytes - Saffron Lane URC 10.30am.
- 11 Elders' Meeting 10.00am.
- 17 "Freshers' Fair" 10.00am - 2.00pm at South Leicestershire College.
- 25 "Drop-in" Prayer Meeting.

BIRTHDAYS - September

- 19th - David Eastman
- 22nd - Stephen Eastman
- 27th - Joan Seaton

Thought for the Month.

The best thing to hold on to in life, is each other.

Audrey Hepburn.

PRAYER LIST: September.

Please pray for:

- 1 All who preach the Word of God in our churches today.
- 2 Those struggling with covid.
- 3 The people of Ukraine, Gaza and all countries struggling with war.
- 4 All who are attending our Bible Study Group today.
- 5 Richard and Shirley, as we join them to celebrate 50 Golden Years.
- 6 Students not sure of the way ahead.
- 7 Children and young people at the start of a new term.
- 8 Those of our congregations who cannot attend church today because of illness.
- 9 Teachers, lecturers and school support staff.
- 10 The residents and staff in our Care Homes.
- 11 Our politicians that they may have wisdom and understanding.
- 12 Refugees throughout the world.
- 13 Our Ministry Team, Eileen and Martin, and all our Lay Preachers.
- 14 Those taking part in "Ride and Stride" that they may do so in safety.
- 15 All who are listening to the Word of God in our churches today.
- 16 All who are homeless.
- 17 Those with no easy access to fresh water.
- 18 All those suffering from depression.
- 19 Those across the world who do not have enough to eat.
- 20 All who volunteer to work in our Food Banks.
- 21 The work of "Water Aid".
- 22 Our friends in our Oadby Church as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.
- 23 For those attending LOROS - patients and staff.
- 24 All who work in our emergency services - police, fire and ambulance.
- 25 Farmers gathering in the harvest.
- 26 New parents, and the joy of new life.
- 27 Those who collect our rubbish.
- 28 Give thanks for family and friends.
- 29 Our friends at St Thomas' Church as they say goodbye to their vicar, Rev Chris Johnson. We wish him well in his new church.
- 30 Give thanks for all our blessings.

Listening

In the hustle and bustle
Of the stress in the town
Where all the people
Are scurrying around
Listen for the still small voice.

In the peace and quiet
Of a country walk
When nature speaks
No need for talk.
Listen for the still small voice.

In the midst of chaos
Of tempers afire
When nothing matters
But our own desire.
Listen to the still small voice.

When we feel lost
And faith is low
Nowhere to turn
Which way to go ?
Listen to the still small voice.

In the midst of the day
When all goes well
Our hearts are light
And with God we dwell
Listen to the still small voice.

As we take up the Bible
For our daily read
Search to find
Just what we need
Listen to the still small voice.

Lauren Fretter

Saffron Lane News

Preachers and Readers list for September-October 2024

	OT	NT	SERV	COLL	Preacher	
Sept 1 st	5	14	5	13	R Eastman	Communion
Sept 8 th	6	36	6	13	D Howlett	Communion
Sept 15 th	8	7	8	13	J Slatford	Harvest/ Communion
Sept 22 nd					Church Closed	Joining Oadby Anniversary
Sept 29 th	3	9	#	13	R Eastman	5 th Sunday
Oct 6 th	14	5	14	13	I Smith	Communion
Oct 13 th	36	6	3	13	P Tiplady	Communion
Oct 22 th	7	8	7	13	L Gill	Communion
Oct 29 th	12	30	#	13	R Benham	Family Service

3 Kath T	8. Brian S	13. Darren C	
5. Sue B	9. Terri D	14. Mackenzie	# No server
6. Pat S	10. Molly B	30 Sandra	
7. Angela S	11. Richard B	36 Dec B	

September Birthdays

1st M Foster

19th Pat Storton

20th E Williams

Saffron Lane News

Saffron Lane Garden Party

On 10th August 2024 Saffron Lane members went in convoy to the heart of the countryside to Peatling Parva. We went around and around the country lanes to the home of Eileen and Charlie as we have been doing for many years, since Eileen has been looking after us.

This year we were able to take three new people who have joined us in the last couple of years. It had started to rain when we got there but fortunately we were able to spread about Eileen's home.

Eileen had been very busy cooking wonderful scones and sticky toffee pudding cake. There was also an assortment of sandwiches, sausage rolls and salad and many other nibbles, all followed by a nice cup of tea or coffee.

We were able to have a good chat with each other without having to rush home, to cook the Sunday dinner.

After we had eaten the weather dried up and we were able to have a slow walk around their pond to look at all the trees and flowers in the garden.

We always have a collection for a different charity and this year we raised £60 which will be sent to a cat's charity in accordance with what had been decided at our Church business meeting.

It's always a wonderful afternoon and all the members and friends would like to thank Eileen and Charlie for being super hosts and looking after us so well. Darren enjoyed it so much he was asking them both if we could come again next year.

Saffron Lane News

Events this Month

September 7th

Please join us for our Cream tea in church for the Children's Heart Link 12.00 to 2.00

September 14th

Ride and stride. We will be open 10.00 - 4.00

September 15th

Harvest service led by Julie Slatford. Our gifts will go to the South Wigston food bank.

September 20th

If you have any free time on this Friday and you like to sing come and join us at Oak Court Home as we have been ask to do a harvest service for them from 2.00 till about 3.00pm

September 22nd

The Church will be closed this Sunday as we are going over to Oadby Church to join them for their Anniversary morning service at 10.15

September 24th

Our Harvest supper please come and join us if you are able. Sandra will be sending details and a list for choices to the Churches later



Whetstone News

Fellowship at our Summer Coffee Morning

What a wonderful morning we had together in friendship and fellowship at the home of Pam and Jon Brookes on Saturday 20th July.

The weather was kind to us as people came to drink tea and coffee, buy cakes, have a go on the tombola and raffle, buy items from the bric-a-brac stall and indulge in cobs, filled with butcher's fresh bacon and sausage.

Although the advertised time was 10am until 12 noon, people felt so welcome and so comfortable they were therefore reluctant to go home.

We thank Jon and Pam for their hospitality and all those who helped with the stalls, those serving teas and coffees and everyone who assisted in any way. We particularly thank those who came and supported us as an incredible £800.20 was raised towards the Church Hall Roof Repair Fund.



Whetstone News

Music Hall Memories

On Wednesday 7th August we held a Music Hall memories evening. As MC, Richard (and Shirley) dressed appropriately to guide us through the programme. It was a wonderful evening of fun and music.

We thank Carl and Don for playing some bagpipe music for us and Jean and Bernard for an unforgettable performance of "There's a hole in my bucket." Thanks also to Shirley, Richard and Jan for their performances and to everyone who supported us on that evening. The evening concluded with tea, coffee and a selection of cheese and biscuits.

Once again, people were reluctant to leave, such was the wonderfully happy atmosphere.

The Music Hall memories evening, despite no charge being asked, raised a total of £220 which will go towards Church funds.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who have supported us at our various events and for the generous donations which have enabled us to raise over £1000!

We are truly grateful!

Prayers

We continue to pray for Sheila as she continues her recovery from illness. We also ask God's blessing upon her husband, John, who has tirelessly supported and visited Sheila throughout this current situation.

Whetstone News

Whetstone Music Hall Memories Evening Held on Wednesday 7 August

What a super well attended evening this was by the talented people of the Whetstone Church family. It was an evening full of surprises.

There were bagpipes, soloists, audience participation singing favourite songs from the Music Hall days, sketches, monologues and more.

It was a truly fun evening and one that I'm sure the audience will be hoping for a repeat of in the future.

To end the evening we were all treated to light refreshments.

Thank you people of Whetstone.



Charity Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th September

10.00 -12.00

Raising money for SmileTrain

Bring and Buy Stall

Raffle

Tea, Coffee



**Smile Train Bringing Smiles | Smile Train
Makes a Difference**

**We will continue until every child with a cleft has access to the care they
deserve.**

Oadby United Reformed Church
Rosemead Drive

60th Anniversary Service

Sunday 22 September 2024

10.15 am

Led by Revd Geoffrey Clarke

Moderator East Midlands Synod

Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

Everybody welcome

Please advise Tony or Pauline Hudson if you plan to attend the service
and / or the lunch

0116 2712913 / Tonyhudson727@btinternet.com

CHANGE FOR THE GOOD

I thought it would be good to let you know what things are happening and have been over the last couple of years at Abbots Road.

Our worship has transitioned to something new, and now takes the form of intergenerational worship. This transition was a response following an Elder's away day held by Martin, our Area Minister, to review the results of the Area Elder's questionnaire. The three areas we concentrated on were those which the URC have asked churches to focus upon; mission, evangelism and discipleship. Because of this we have been blessed in many ways, one of which is seeing new people of all ages coming to worship with us, which has inspired us to explore the possibility of holding an Alpha course.

A few changes have been made within our church setting. For instance, the installation of a coffee bar and the layout of the chairs to a cafe style, which continues to go down well with our newcomers. These changes have allowed more versatility of the sanctuary space. One other change has been in regards to our worship music. We are blessed to have TV screens and a sound desk. We do not use hymn books anymore, as our words are printed on the screens and the backing music is played through this as well. This allows us to worship with our hands free, looking up, singing to God. For those with sight problems we make available a sheet with the words enlarged. This opens up a wider range of music resources for us to use, thereby creating a more versatile worship experience.

We continue to be blessed to have young people worship with us and four of our teenagers will be spending some time away again with Richard Knott (Synod CYDO), at the Synod youth activity weekend. They will be raising funds for this themselves.

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Earlier in the year, Paul Hadley saw the need for a men's group which is held weekly in the church. It is an informal group where chat over a cup of coffee helps men to off load worries, concerns etc and often prayer is shared. At this time where mental health, particularly in young men, is a concern, we pray that God continues to bless the work going on there.

Just recently the church purchased some new tables and chairs. The thinking for this came out of our continued vision for mission. We recognised that people are not going to just walk over our threshold, it is our responsibility to make people feel welcome and disciple those who are seeking more by giving them opportunities for conversation in a more familiar setting. At the front of our church we have a great paved area where weather permitting, the furniture can be set out and refreshments served at anytime or particularly after the morning service. As Alison Hadley was doing the step wise course she experimented with this as part of her mission project. This is great witness to the community and also gives the chance for people to come and join us in a more informal setting.

I must also mention Lunchbox, which continues to thrive with new people attending. This is a great commitment for those that run it and great way to serve our community. Some of those who attend, also come to church on a Sunday. All that has happened at ARURC, has not come without its challenges. The thought of change has been difficult for some, but hopefully they have seen that this has been necessary for the church to continue, albeit in a different way. The Elders have prayed, listened and responded to God's call for what he desires for ARURC to thrive into the future.

Charlotte Ferris
Elder

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Each summer, usually in August, we have a Holiday at Home for elderly folk. This year, as always, we had different crafts for folk to take part in, for example - making fans (good for the hot weather we've had!) and flower arranging. The day began with coffee or tea and biscuits. There were daily newspapers for those who just like to sit quietly and catch up with the news, there were also jigsaw puzzles which drew people in to try to help Joyce (a gifted jigsaw puzzler!). With her skill and a little help from her friends, it wasn't that long before the puzzle was complete and another one started.

Each day there was a hot meal and a dessert, prepared by Irene, (Yes, she was still around. She was moving after Holiday at Home) Lunch was followed by another cup of tea or coffee. Tuesday was fish and chip day which was enjoyed by all. There was a lot of chips in a portion, so, many people weren't able to eat them all. When I was sweeping the floor after the meal I must have swept up at least one portion of chips - they were a bit fluffy though.

We had a chap come along to entertain us with his singing and the following afternoon a lady from the CO-Op came along to talk to us about Fair Trade. On Thursday of the week, we had a coach trip to Nottingham to have a meal and trip on the River Trent. The food was delicious but sadly, because the strength of the wind that day was 38mph, it was 8 degrees more than the safe legal limit, so we weren't allowed to sail. It was a very enjoyable day, though, with folk enjoying quizzes, a raffle, fellowship and lots of laughter.

I haven't mentioned yet, that this year was different than previous years because it was an Intergenerational Holiday at Home. Alison came up with the idea and put it into action.

Abbots Road News

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The children enjoyed doing crafts, having Bible based discussions, singing Christian songs and really enjoying themselves. This was all planned by Alison with Mickala and Emma helping during the sessions. The young people brought a packed lunch each day and joined the older folk in the Laburnum room to eat their lunch.

A big thank you to Dorothy for planning Holiday at Home, dealing with the money, the booking of the coach and boat and sundry other things. The week wouldn't have happened without her. Thanks also to all those who helped each day.

A big thank you to Alison too who planned the young people's part in the week and to Mickala and Emma for their help.

GOODBYE, GOD BLESS, IRENE

After worship on Sunday 11th August we said our goodbyes to Irene. We presented her with a basket of indoor plants and a memory book in which folk of Abbots Road had written their best wishes, thanks and wishes for happiness in her new home.

Paul, our Church Secretary, said a few words of thanks and expressed the sadness we feel at Irene's moving away and how much she will be missed. Dorothy, our talented song writer, had written a song for Irene, reflecting on the great part she has played in the life and mission of Abbots Road, it also reflected on her work for Synod and the National Church.

This was followed by an afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream, which was enjoyed by all who were able to stay.

Abbots Road News

Moving On

As I sit in my living room surrounded by boxes as packing has been a feature of the last couple of weeks, my mind wanders through so many positive memories of life within Abbots Road and the churches of the Leicestershire District. It is a long time now since I first caught up in the warmth of the Abbots Rd fellowship. It was from within that warmth I was encouraged to learn more about our local churches. Work within the District Council enabled me to meet so many of you so that when the South and East area was muted it seemed to me that for some of us at least it would be like friends re-united.

Now, as my life takes a new turn and I am about to move to Yorkshire to be nearer to my family I want to say a big thank you to all those friends who have showered me with gifts and good wishes. I am truly thankful for so many good friends and happy memories. I shall pray that the future will give many opportunities for you to go on serving our Lord and that you will be guided forward in a clear and positive way. I would welcome your prayers for me as I make a new beginning, and seek to find another church community to become a part of.

I shall be living at:

50 Bank Avenue,

Morley,

LS27 9JD.

My phone number remains as: 07842380593

With my love and good wishes to you all.

Irene Wren

Abbots Road News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Peace in our world - peace between Russia and Ukraine

That the ceasefire between Israel and Gaza will take place

Refugees trying to escape from conflict, war or danger of any kind.

People who are suffering through famine, drought, disease, poverty

For those who have been made redundant

Those who are ill and in hospital or confined to their home.

Those who are in constant pain and find it difficult to get about.

Brian and Dorothy.

For Margaret

Laurel

Paul Hick

Audrey

Anne and John.

For Irene on her move, that she will be very happy in her new home.

For young people who've had their results from exams, that they have received the grades they need.

For all children returning to school after their Summer holidays.

For Andrew and June.

For Steve

For Mick,

For Rob and Anne.

For our Ministry Team, Martin and Eileen, may God uphold them and guide them as they lead the Area churches.

For all of our SELA churches, that we work together more closely and carry out the mission God is leading us in.



YOU'RE HAVING A LAUGH

1. What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, it just waved.
2. Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.
3. Did you hear the one about the kidnapping at school?

It's ok, he woke up.

4. Maths teacher asks, "If I have 6 bottles in one hand and 5 in the other hand, what do I have?" Student answers, "A drinking problem."
5. A mother texts her son, "Hi son, what does IDK, LY, and TTL mean?"

He texts back, "I don't know, Love You, and Talk To You Later."
His Mother texts back, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

6. Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?"
Student answers: "My father's cheque book!"

8. I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger and bigger,
and then it hit me.

9. A: "I have the perfect son."

B: Does he smoke?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he drink whiskey?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he ever come home late?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?

A: He will be six months old next Wednesday.

10. A bank robber pulls out a gun points it at the bank clerk, and says,
"Give me all the money or you're geography!" The puzzled bank clerk
replies, "Did you mean to say or you're history?" The robber says,
"Don't change the subject!"

11. I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very big one.

Lectionary Readings

1 September

Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9;

Psalms 15;

James 1.17-27;

Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

8 September

Isaiah 35.4-7a;

Psalms 146;

James 2.1-10 (11-13) 14-17;

Mark 7.24-37

15 September

Isaiah 50.4-9a;

Psalms 116.1-9;

James 3.1-12;

Mark 8.27-38

22 September

Jeremiah 11.18-20;

Psalms 54;

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a;

Mark 9.30-37

29 September

Esther 7.1-6,9-10; 9.20-22;

Psalms 124;

James 5.13-20;

Mark 9.38-50