

**South & East Leicestershire Area
United Reformed Churches**



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OADBY, WHETSTONE, ABBOTS ROAD**

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Remembering

'And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.'

Luke 22.19

November is one of those months that you cannot forget, because you do so much to 'remember' through it. It starts as every good month does with the first day, November 1st, All Saints Day. A day when we remember all those people who have died and have gone on before us. I specifically remember the first person who had a profound effect on me, with regard to being a Christian. I was seven and the local Parish priest was my hero! He was a very good man, but he died at very young age from Kidney Disease, I was so angry at God. One thing that Father Wilfred taught me was to never give up believing that we are all precious to God, and that we are all loved by God.

Our next act of remembrance is to create an effigy of a Christian man and burn it at the top of a bonfire! (November 5th) Of course, Guy Fawkes has earned his place in history, when inexplicably Christians of one persuasion sought to kill Christians of another persuasion, thankfully we have moved on from detesting other parts of our Christian Family and we continue to move towards unity in Jesus Christ.

The 'big' act of Remembrance comes on November 11th, Armistice Day, when we specifically remember those who gave their lives protecting this country and the freedoms that we enjoy today. We take the Sunday closest to Armistice Day and rightly remember all who have died in the service of our country; we also remember those who have been injured, physically and mentally, trying to bring justice and peace into war-torn places such as Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East, the list is endless, but the human cost is the same.

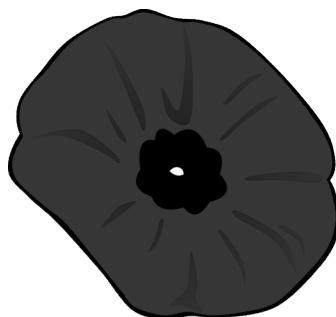
In churches, we celebrate the biggest act of Remembrance that we are bound to do, we remember the one gift that is priceless, Jesus. Most churches celebrate Holy Communion at least once per month, a time to connect with God in both a physical and a spiritual way, I make an appeal to you, don't miss the opportunity to really connect with God, it is through this act of remembering that we can come close to God and really connect on a Spiritual level. Preparation is the key, prepare yourself in a serious way. Despite all our human faults and failings, we can all be one with God, this act of remembering brings to us a strength and confidence that God is truly with us, that God became incarnate and that we remember, (this is your homework memory verse),

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
John 3:16
NRSV

May you never forget that God loves you and is with you always.

Peace and blessings,
Richard.

P.S. Help share the love, invite someone you care for (or even a stranger) to come and share in this Good News.



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.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 26 MAGAZINE

Sunday 24 November 2025

**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 296 2847 for information**

Worship Leaders for November 2025

Oadby	2	Eileen Williams - Communion
	9	Revd David Howlett
	16	Revd Les Gill - Communion
	23	Julie Slatford
	30	Revd Ivor Smith
Saffron Lane	2	Revd Martin Ferris
	9	Ray Green
	16	Eileen Williams
	23	R Benham
	30	J North
South Wigston	2	Di Statham - Café Style Service
	9	Revd Martin Ferris
	16	Revd David Howlett
	23	Eileen Williams
	30	Revd Pam Smith
Wigston Magna	2	Ray Green
	9	Eileen Williams
	16	Revd Martin Ferris
	23	Revd Les Gill
	30	Worship Group
Whetstone	2	Revd Richard Eastman - Communion
	9	Revd Richard Eastman
	16	"The Norths"
	23	Kevin West
	30	Revd Richard Eastman
Abbots Road	2	Revd Pam Smith - Communion
	9	Revd Ivor Smith - Remembrance
	16	Derek Graham
	23	Revd Jacquie Gavin
	30	Revd Martin Ferris

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 Thursday 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 charity RNIB

Bible Bytes

Wednesday 5 November 2025

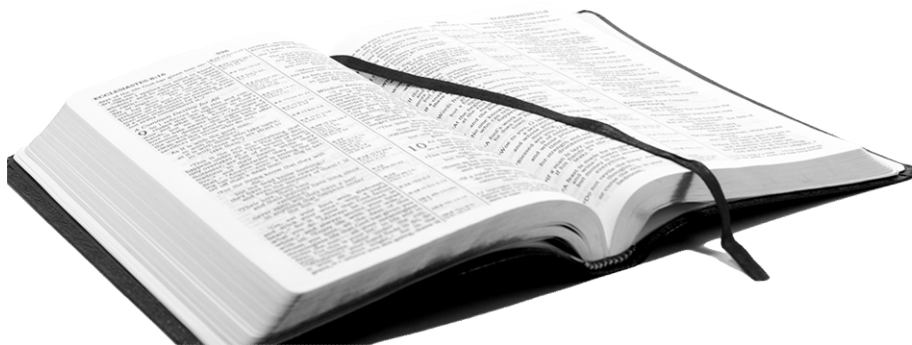
10.30 am

Saffron Lane URC

Come and enjoy a light and friendly discussion

No Need to be a " Bible Expert"

EVERYBODY welcome



Wigston Magna News

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from an interesting trip to Sicily with the URC Waldensian fellowship and thought you might like to hear about it.

The Waldensians are an Italian reformed church formed in the valleys of the Western Piedmont in the 13th century and suffering persecution until in mid 19th century when they received the right to freedom of faith and the church spread throughout Italy and in South America by emigration.

The URC Waldensian fellowship grew out of ecumenical discussions in 1980. Although ministers and pastors have enjoyed the opportunities to train and work together at times over the years the main work of the fellowship was to build relationships between the members of local congregations and to share the challenges and joys of local mission in very diverse settings. Since the 80's in alternating years groups of URC members have been welcomed in Waldensian churches and projects and groups of Waldensians have visited URC Congregations and projects.

So it was that on 30th Sept 17 individuals from around the UK landed in Palermo on the North coast of Sicily and met up in the Albergo Athenaeum hotel where we were to stay for 4 nights. On the western outskirts of the city outside the main historic and tourist center it was surrounded on all sides by the tall apartment blocks of the city's families, and bordered on all sides by the main roads which were always busy and so loud as everybody drives with one hand on the horn.

Cont...

The next day we walked down into the historic centre of the city and visited the cathedral, the Capella Palatinate and the palazzo dei Normanni among others all very ornate and beautiful surrounded by parks and gardens. One of our number, who has lived some years in Rome showed us how to cross the roads. There are no light operated pedestrian crossings but plenty of Zebra crossings. The trick is don't dither! Quick prayer then stride out into the multi lane traffic and don't stop. The cars will not hit you, some of them might even stop for you!

The following day we went to visit the first Waldensian project called 'La Noce' which works with some of the poorest families in Palermo providing a kindergarten, some sheltered housing, medical, social, and psychological help and an enrichment project for young people raising their self esteem and giving hope. All within an environment which has for generations been under the thumb of the Mafia.

On the Friday we went inland by minibus to Riesi a small town in the agricultural heart of Sicily where we were warmly welcomed at Servizio Cristiano the Waldensian guest house and project. Here over five days we were introduced to the work that they have been doing here since the 1960s.

Here they have a kindergarten and primary school, a diagnostic and treatment centre for children with SEND needs, a project working with young people with complex needs, building independence and potential supported employment opportunities for individuals that might otherwise be confined to the home out of shame. They also run a project for women and their children fleeing abusive homes and an agricultural project to encourage entrepreneurship (especially among women) within a social system that is almost entirely built around the traditional family business unit.

Wigston Magna News

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We were blown away by the scope of their projects and their faith that changing individual lives can transform a society.

At the same time we spent time each day site seeing in the valley of temples and the Roman villa full of wonderful mosaics at Armerina, as well as worshipping with the local church on Sunday.

Leaving Riesi we travelled to Ragusa a city in two parts separated in the 1800's by an earthquake. We had time to explore this lovely city before heading by local bus to Scicli where we were welcomed by 'Mediterranean Hope' an ecumenical project that works with Refugees coming in through two Humanitarian corridors for resettlement in Sicily.

The next day we headed to Siracusa where members of the group began to prepare for home. However six of us had other plans. We stayed in Siracusa for three more days siteseeing and then got on the train Siracusa to Milan, 2 nights in Milan then by train Milan to Paris, Eurostar and home.

I had a wonderful time, and you know 2027 for the next Waldensian trip, perhaps to northern Italy, is not so far away and the age range was early 60's to mid 90's so keep reading the synod newsletter and maybe I'll see you there 😊.

Alison Termie

Birthdays in November

- 8th Mark Powell (13)
- 11th Mary Childs
- 18th Suzanne Powell
- 21st Anne-Marie Neale



Autumn Fayre

Sat 1st November

10am to 1pm

***Cake Stall, Handicrafts
Bric-a-brac, Toys, Plants
Books, Games
Raffle, Tombola
Jacket Potato Lunches***

**FREE Tea and Coffee and a
warm welcome!**

All proceeds going to LOROS

Wigston Magna United Reformed Church

Long Street, Wigston



Community Cinema

CASABLANCA

During World War II, Rick, a nightclub owner in Casablanca, agrees to help his former lover Ilsa and her husband. Soon Ilsa's feelings for Rick resurface and she finds herself renewing her love for him.

Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid,
Peter Lorre, Sidney Greenstreet

Showing At

Long Street United Reformed Church

On

Monday November 3rd 2025

Starting at 1.30 pm

Doors Open at 12.45 pm for light refreshments

For more information
Contact Julie 07544981674



Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 6th December

10am to 4pm

Sunday 7th December

12 noon till 4pm

Soup Lunches will be served

Vote for your favourite tree!

Tea, coffee and cakes available

Also various stalls and raffle

Wigston United Reformed Church

Long Street, Wigston, LE18 2AJ

South Wigston News

RECIPE - NOVEMBER: Hazelnut and Honey Cake.

6 oz whole hazelnuts
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
5 oz self-raising flour
2 oz caster sugar
2 oz butter, softened
4 oz clear honey

Oven: 180 C, 350 F, Gas Mark 4.

Grease and line the base of a shallow 20 cm (8 inch) cake tin.

- 1 Scatter the nuts on a baking tray, put into a moderate oven for 10 minutes.
- 2 All to cool, then rub the nuts between your hands to remove the skins
- 3 Chop nuts finely.
- 4 Blend the eggs, flour and sugar in a bowl.
- 5 Stir in the nuts, then add butter and honey.
- 6 Turn into the prepared tin.
- 7 Bake for 35 - 40 minutes until golden brown.
- 8 Leave in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out and cool on a wire rack.

BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER

15th Jasu De Gouvier

29th David Miller

DIARY - NOVEMBER

- 5th Bible Study Group 10.30 am Saffron Lane U.R.C. - all welcome.
- 9th Remembrance Sunday - early service 9.45 am,
then to the War Memorial for 10.50 am.
- 12th South Wigston Elders' Meeting 10.00am.
- 15th Quiz Night at South Wigston U.R.C. 7.00 pm

GARDENING NOTES - NOVEMBER

- 1 Mint grows well in Winter - plant up a couple of pots to grow indoors
- 2 A yearly reminder - if lighting a bonfire, remember to look out for sleeping hedgehogs
- 3 Collect Autumn leaves and stack them to make leaf mould.
- 4 Lift fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, and other tender plants.
- 5 Cut down on watering house plants, the surface soil should be dry, and the roots moist.
- 6 Prepare soil for next year, digging in compost, manure and leaf mould.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Tact is the art of making a point
without making an enemy.

Isaac Newton

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them".*

Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)

KOHIMA EPITAPH

*"When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For their tomorrows,
We gave our today".*

John Maxwell Edmonds (1875 - 1958)

South Wigston News

PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for:

- 1 All who are suffering in war-torn countries.
- 2 All who are attending services in our Group churches today.
- 3 All in our churches who are struggling with their health - and those who care for them.
- 4 Those who live far from home.
- 5 Children, that they remain safe on Bonfire night.
- 6 Those who represent us in Government.
- 7 New parents and their babies.
- 8 Those men and women still fighting for their rights and their freedom in so many parts of the world.
- 9 All leading Church Services on this Remembrance Sunday.
- 10 All those who have been injured or bereaved by on-going wars.
- 11 All those we honour today, who gave their lives for their country - and our freedom.
- 12 Those who are housebound and dependent on others.
- 13 Our local councillors.
- 14 Those who are unemployed and seeking work.
- 15 Our Ministry team, Eileen and Martin.
- 16 All who are preaching God's Word in our churches today.
- 17 All who are in training for the Ministry.
- 18 Give thanks for the beauty of Autumn.
- 19 Those who serve on Church and local committees.
- 20 The Lay Preachers who regularly visit our churches.
- 21 All who are involved in leading school assemblies.
- 22 All who work for charities.
- 23 Our friends in the other churches in our localities.
- 24 Those who are terminally ill, and their families.
- 25 Give thanks for our pets - they give us so much pleasure.
- 26 All who have been affected by severe weather conditions and natural disasters, especially those who have been made homeless.
- 27 All who work for our Emergency Services.
- 28 Those who live in Care Homes, and those who look after them.
- 29 Give thanks for the many blessings of life.
- 30 On this Advent Sunday, give heartfelt thanks for the coming of the Christ Child.



Saturday 15 November 2025

7.00 pm

South Wigston United Reformed Church

Multi Faith Centre

North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College

Cost £5 person

Including Buffet

Please bring YOUR OWN drinks

To Book a place contact di.statham@btinternet.com

By 7 November 2025

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Questions for Life !!!!

Is the hardness of the butter proportional to the softness of the bread ?

In hospital why do they wake you up to give you a sleeping tablet ?

Is experience what you get when you don't get what you want ?

When travelling at the speed of sound can you hear the radio ?

Why do teenagers express their burning desire to "be different" by dressing exactly the same as each other ?

When you've lost something and ask somebody else if they've seen it, why do they always say "Where did you leave it" ?

If you knew where you had left it, it wouldn't be lost !!!!!

Is there a word for "sand" in the Icelandic dictionary ?

If Spiderman became arachnophobic would he be scared of himself ?

Taken from - A Bundle of Laughs by J John & Mark Stibbe

Thought for a Preacher !!

" I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend" an embarrassed women said after a church service "when my husband walked out during your sermon".

"I did find it rather disconcerting" the minister replied.

It's not a reflection on you sir" insisted the churchgoer "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child".

Taken from A Barrel of Fun by J John & Mark Stibbe

Saffron Lane News

Preachers and Readers list for Nov-Dec 2025

	OT	NT	SER	COL	Preacher	
Nov 2 nd	12	30	12	13	M Ferris	Communion
Nov 9 th	3	9	3	13	R Green	Communion Remembrance Sunday
Nov16 th	5	14	5	13	E Williams	Communion 10.30 Business meeting
Nov23 rd	6	36	#	13	R Benham	Family Service
Nov 30 th	7	8	#	13	J North	5 th Sunday
Dec 7 th	30	12	30	13	E Williams	Communion
Dec 14 th	9	3	#	13	S Clay and others	4.0pm Carol Service No Morning Service
Dec21 st	5	14	5	13	S Eastman	Communion
Dec 24 th	3	30	#	13	M Ferris	Communion 11.30
Dec 28 th	36	6	#	13	R Francies	Family Service
3.Kath T	8. Brian S		12 Elizabeth R		36 Dec B	
5.Sue B	9. Terri D		13.Darren C		# No server	
6.Pat S	10.Malvolia B		14. Mackenzie B			
7.Angela S	11.Richard B		30 Sandra C			

November Birthdays

6th Sue Bloxham

13th Elizabeth Richardson

30th Darren Clay

December Birthdays

11th Terry Storton Big (90)

Saffron Lane News

Charity Coffee Morning October 4th

The coffee morning for Save the Children was wonderfully supported by our friends at the Southfields Friendship Thursday Afternoon Group, who came in to share coffee and cakes, plus buy cakes, books and gifts to take away from our stalls. We were happy that Richard Eastman came along. He was the only one from the Area who called in to support us on this occasion. We were able to raise £127.05 on the day so a big thank you for all who came that day.

Mary's Afternoon Tea 12- 2.00 pm 18 October

Pat Stortons niece Mary who is a super cake baker put on Afternoon Teas in the Church to raise money for LOROS. There was about 25-30 people attended and she was able to raise £655.96.
Thank you to all who attended



Braunstone URC

On 19th October four from Saffron Lane went to Braunstone URC at 3.00pm to join with other URC friends for the Churches 75th Church Anniversary. The service was led by the URC East Midland Moderator Geffory Clark. After the service the Church had put on some light refreshments

Forthcoming Events

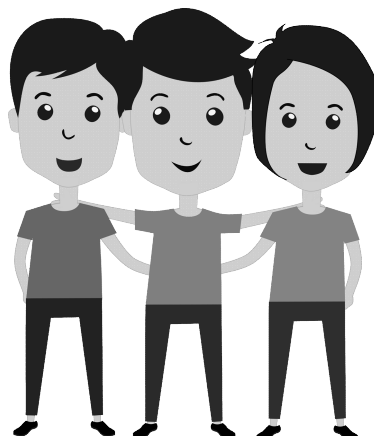
Bazaar November 15th

This year's Autumn Bazaar will be from 11.00am till 1.00pm. If you are able to support us by donating things for our stalls, help with the setting up of the Church Hall on the Friday night, or stand behind the stalls on the day we will be very pleased to have you, also clearing away afterwards. If you can help please contact Sandra Clay



November 16th

During the morning service on Sunday 16 November we will be welcoming three new Church members into Saffron Lanes flock, Maureen, Judy and Samuel. They have all fitted in with us worshipping, singing and helping in the Churches life.



Saffron Lane URC
(Pork Pie Island)

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Saturday 15 November

11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Stalls

Cakes

Teas and Coffees

Come and join us

Winter Day by Dorren Storton

Are you weary, bored and restless, tired of Wintry days?
Waiting so expectantly for spring to show her face.
So long ago it seems to me the rosés were in bloom,
Now here we are, each day unfolding more of winter's gloom.
Yet pleasant still the days can be, tho' dark and drab outside;
No need to feel so miserable when there are things inside.
Wander off down memory lane as by the fire we sit,
When daylight fades, the darkened room by dancing flames is light.
A snapshot album can bring back so many happy hours;
Photographs of holidays, of summer days and flowers,
A happy evening can be spent with friends, just ask them round,
Other points of view can be invaluable I've found,
Knitting and embroidery are pleasant pastimes too;
If you really think about it there are lots of things to do.
So don't get bored or restless, tho' the weather's very bleak;
So many pleasures can be found for those who care to seek.
Spring is just around the corner; God will soon arrange to work.
His miracles o'er the earth, then the great outdoors will change.



Whetstone News

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Weekend on 4th and 5th October was truly blessed! On Saturday, we had a busy Coffee Morning as people came to generously donate Harvest produce. Before long, the whole front of the church was filled with fruits, vegetables, flowers, tins and jam. A selection of filled cobs was available, as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits. It was a lovely morning. Thanks to all who supported us and kindly donated Harvest produce!

On Sunday, Shirley led a wonderful Harvest service which was followed by the sale of the harvest produce and a bring and share lunch. The weekend raised an incredible £216 for The Red Cross Gaza Appeal.



The cruise was very disappointing. It rained a lot. The buffet, however, was brilliant! I had two of everything!



Celebrations

On Thursday 27th October Barbara will be celebrating her 90th birthday. We wish her all the very best for her special day and we will be celebrating with her at our Community Coffee Morning.

We will also be celebrating the Wedding Anniversary of Val and Fred Christie, who will have been married for 60 years at the end of the month. Congratulations! We all send our love and best wishes!



Future Events

Our next charity coffee morning will be on Saturday 1st November from 10am til 12noon, this time in aid of Memphys.

There will be the usual sale of books, bric-a-brac, a raffle and light refreshments. Please do join us if you are able.

We will be having an Advent Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November. This will include a display of Nativity Scenes. If you would like to display a Nativity Scene then contact Richard or Shirley for more details. Details of the event are shown on the poster in this magazine

Looking forward to December, our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 11th December, following our Community Coffee Morning. As last year, the price for a two-course meal will be £7.50. (Please book in advance.)

Saturday 1st November

**Charity Coffee
Morning**

10.00 – 12.00

**Raising money for
Menphys**

Light refreshments

Bring and Buy Stall. Raffle.

Menphys

**For the Benefit of Children and
Young people with Disabilities**

All Welcome.

Advent Coffee Morning With display of Nativity Scenes

**Saturday 29th November
9.30 - 12.00**



**Raffle. Light
Refreshments
All Welcome**

Oadby News

School Rewards !!!!

My 4 year old great granddaughter has just begun "Big School".

Everything is wonderful - she absolutely loves it all. Grandma meets her out as mummy works.

After the first week, which was only 3 days, as she skipped along telling Grandma all about her amazing day she said :-
"And I got a sticker".

My daughter's heart was bursting with pride. She said
"Oh Well Done, What did you get the sticker for ?"

The answer has astounded us all
"I'm not sure, really. I think it was because I didn't hit anyone "

Paddy Letts

CONGRATULATIONS

Tony and Pauline Hudson

On Your 65th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday 19 November 2025

Oadby Eleven O'clock Group

Meetings In November

Thursday 6 November

Talk - Photography

By Ken Jones

Thursday 20 November

Talk - Music 20's & 30's

By John Lessels

**Why Not Come Along and
Join Us**

Everybody Welcome

Oadby United Reformed Church

Rosemary Drive, Oadby, LE2 5ST

Autumn Coffee Morning

10am - 12midday

Saturday 22nd November 2025

Raffles,

Christmas Hamper

Books and Jigsaws.

Donations to Garden Fund

See you there

Everybody Welcome

Abbots Road News

Talking Faith Day

The first face to face "Talking Faith" day was held at St Martin's House in Leicester on Saturday 13th Sept. This was an open event for anyone from the East Midlands Synod to join.

It was a wonderful day of worship, discussion, learning and fellowship. Friends from Mersey Synod provided both the worship and were the keynote speakers for the day.

There were also working sessions on "Answering the big questions", led by Martin and "Practical tips" and "looking into the research", led by Lindsey Brown as well as "Talking Faith in Sunday worship", by the Mersey Synod Team.

The day was alive with the Holy Spirit and I would urge you to look out for the next one as well as the many online sessions that are still to come our way in the coming months.

We must also acknowledge the amazing work undertaken by the East Mids Synod team. Not only for all the preparation and delivery, but for making this a totally free event for all, including the car parking costs. In a time when many are looking at the decline of numbers in churches, the Synod is doing all it can to help equip us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" *Matthew 28 vs 19*.

I look forward to learning with you at the next Talking Faith event.

God bless

Paul

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

A continuation of the cease fire between Israel and Gaza, leading to peace and putting an end to genocide.

For the people of Gaza as they try to re-build their lives after their homes, their city has been destroyed by missiles.

Pray that food for the people of Gaza, particularly the children, will be allowed through. And for the Aid workers trying to make sure the aid reaches the people. Pray for doctors and nurses who are trying to help the injured.

Peace between Russia and Ukraine.

Peace in all places of conflict.

That hatred and lust for power will be replaced by love for all people, all races.

An end to the use of the English flag as a symbol of hatred of other races.

For those who are homeless, on our streets and families having to live in cramped conditions in bed and breakfast accommodation.

For children, teenagers and adults who have mental health problems and can't get help.

For doctors, nurses and all who work in the NHS, and for all emergency workers.

For the United Reformed Church and for the Talking Faith initiative.

For Brian and Dorothy

For Anne and John

For Chris, Clare and their family.

For Urmilla

For Anne and Rob

For June and Andrew

For Joyce and David.

For Jack as he renews his Baptismal Promises on 30th. November

For our Ministry team - Martin and Eileen.

For the churches of SELA and our mission.

Abbots Road News

A Poem about Life as it Was.

We met, and we married a long time ago
we worked long hours, when wages were low.
No TV, no wireless, no bath, times were hard
just cold water taps, and a walk up the yard.
No holidays abroad, no posh carpet on floors.
But we had coal on the fire, and didn't lock doors.
Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
and we brought them all up, without any state aid.
They were quite safe to play in the park,
old folk weren't afraid to go out in the dark.
No vallium, no drugs, no LSD
we cured most ills with a nice cup of tea,
but if you were sick, you were treated at once,
not fill in a form and come back in six months.
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob
and we were quite rich with a couple of bob.
People were happier in the far off days,
kinder and caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paperboys used to whistle and sing,
A night at the pictures was a bit of a fling.
We all get our troubles and strife, and we just
love to share the pattern of life.
But now we're alone, we look back through the years
we don't think of the hard times, the trouble and tears.
We remember the blessings, our home, and our love
that we shared them together, and thank God above.

Author unknown.

Happy is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help.

Psalm 146 v 5

The foundation for happiness is a proper relationship with the Lord. But to fully experience that happiness, we must build on that foundation in practical ways. I found this list of 'Ten rules for Happier Living'.

1. Give something away.
2. Do a kindness.
3. Give thanks always.
4. Work with vim and vigour.
5. Visit the elderly and learn from their experience.
6. Look intently into the face of a baby and marvel.
7. Laugh often - it's life's lubricant.
8. Pray to know God's way.
9. Plan as though you will live forever - you will.
10. Live as though today is your last day on earth.

Trusting and obeying the Lord brings true happiness.

Let us run.....looking unto Jesus. Hebrews 12 v 1-2

Corrie ten Boom lived through the hellish life of Nazi concentration camps. She saw the face of evil up close and personal. She saw some of the most inhumane acts man can do to man. She survived to tell her story of unfaltering faith and tight-fisted hope in God, and she said this: 'If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within you will be depressed. But if you look to God, you'll be at rest'. Where are you looking? Are you focusing on the world and its dangers? Are you gazing at yourself, hoping to find your own answers? Or are you looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith?

When your world is falling apart, trust Jesus to hold it together.

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News of Birthdays.

October has seen at least three notable birthdays.

Irene Wren, who keeps in regular touch with us all via the Wednesday Quiz and Saturday Coffee Morning.

Pam Smith, who continues to contribute so much to the life of Abbots Road and the Area churches. We hope for no more dog-related accidents in the next twelve months as she still struggles to recover from two unfortunate incidents this last year.

June White, who reaches a milestone birthday this month. Many people are gathering in various places to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. In her words she will be 'caked-out' by the end of the month!

Congratulations to all these special people - may God continue to bless their lives in the coming years.





Celebrating the Renewal of Baptism by Immersion of Jack Sturgess



Sunday 30th November 2025

**Abbots Road United Reformed Church,
Abbots Road South, LE5 1DA**

**Service starts at 10:45am with a Bring &
Share lunch to follow.**

All are welcome.

**Contact Shannon Hadley on 07763188727
for further details**

Sunday November 30th will be a very special day in the life of Abbots Road Church.

Jack Sturgess, who has been worshipping with us for some time, has asked to renew his baptismal vows by being baptised by immersion.

This will take place during the service on the 30th November and will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.

Please try to stay to celebrate with Jack's family and friends.

Speak to Shannon if you are able to contribute to the lunch.

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Also the morning service on Sunday 30 November morning is our annual service for

'Toys on the Table'

You are asked to bring a toy(s) to be distributed via a Leicester charity, who do this every year, to make sure children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present do so. They ask for the toys be new and wrapped where appropriate. Your generosity is always amazing.



Ready for Christmas ???

If you are looking to purchase Christmas Cards and/or unusual gifts look no further than the Leprosy Mission Catalogues available on the table at the back of Church.

Please give your orders to Joyce Busby - a combined order means no charge for postage.



Join us at

Abbots Road United Reformed Church
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for a fun evening of festive singalong and music
with the

Syston Happy Ukulele Band
on
Saturday 22nd November 2025
at
6pm

Free event with refreshments.
Donations to 'Mission Possible'
Raffle tickets available to purchase on the night!

Contact **Dorothy Russell** on **07804495527** for further
details

Lectionary Readings

2 November

Isaiah 1 v 10 - 18

Psalms 32 v 1 - 7

2 Thessalonians 1 v 1 - 4 (5 - 10) 11 - 12

Luke 19 v 1 - 10

9 November

Job 19 v 23 - 27a

Psalms 17 v 1 - 9

2 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 5, 13 - 17

Luke 20 v 27 - 38

16 November

Malachi 4 v 1 - 2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3 v 6 - 13

Luke 21 v 5 - 19

23 November

Jeremiah 23 v 1 - 16

Psalms 46

Colossians 1 v 11 - 20

Luke 23 v 33 - 43

30 November

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44