

### BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE RG21 7NU and TADLEY (OLD MEETING) URC



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# Tadley (Old Meeting) URC

10.00am Prayer Time followed by Worship at 10.30 every Sunday "TASTE" Youth Event at 7pm at the Point (behind Community Centre)

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# Thought for the month: Easter!!!...

# Good News!....

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#### Luke 22: 19-20

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

The words are so familiar. We have heard them every communion, every Easter and they are at the heart of our faith. In a nutshell 'The Gospel' message. They are Good News for <u>all</u> people; whoever they may be, however old or young they are; however intelligent or those with learning difficulties; however respectable or the lowest of the low; of any faith or none. The Gift is there for all.

The words he spoke, in a sense were prophecy, for at the time he spoke them he had not had to come through the anguish of Gethsemane, or his trial, or the agony of the cross. He was giving an explanation of what was to happen, a promise for all believers. We don't have to understand everything. We just need to accept his gift of himself, believe and trust.

And the gift from Him is: forgiveness, hope, healing, peace and a new life.





Please remember the following in your prayers, together with their families, friends, carers, doctors and nurses.

**From London Street:** Wendy Pike and the family of Roger; Beverley Cantwell; David and Julie Bath; Christine Clucas and family; Hyacinth Ridguard; Betty Shipway; Maggie Morgans and family; the Patterson family; Victoria Paice and family; Kay Cook; Dick and Anne Davey; Rosemary Martin and family; Jo Tremarco; Sandy and Liz Lindsay; Doina Rasnita and Stan and Sandra Marut.

**Tadley Old Meeting** prayer list: Alastair Melrose and family, Christine Weaver, Linda, Sam and Oliver, Rachel and Trevor, Martin.

# Prayer for Ukraine.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and people of the Church of England, calling on them to pray for peace in Ukraine.

They wrote: "This attack is an act of evil, imperilling as it does the relative peace and security that Europe has enjoyed for so long. The attack by one nation on a free, emocratic country has rightly provoked outrage, sanctions, and condemnation.

"We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family.

"We continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security."

### Church Flower Rota

3rd April - Alison Jamieson

The church will be open on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 until noon for people to decorate a windowsill.



# Amendments to Church Directory:

1. Change of Address for Beverley Cantwell: 12 Medway Court, Riverdene, Basingstoke RG21 4DN Tel: 01256 541065

2. Matthew Dumbleton's email address should be <u>msd354@hotmail.com</u> NOT <u>matthewmsd354@hotmail.com</u> and his mobile number is 07900 198343

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# 1st April: Fooling Around

Probably the most famous April Fool's joke of all time was the 1960's BBC TV broadcast feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. A BBC reporter interviewed Italian farmers about their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants in great detail. Spaghetti plants were filmed being carefully planted, and then being harvested. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Aunty playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from 25th March to 1st January. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look even further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the Spring Equinox, 25th March.

# Bible Readings for April:

	Psalm	New Testament	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	57 102:1-17 128/129 26 130/131	James " Reflection	2 3 4
6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	27 60 89:1-13 102:18-28 132 28 133/134	James Matthew " " Reflection	5 1 2 3 4
13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	61 30 89:14-29 103 135 31:1-10 138	Matthew " " Reflection	5 6 7 8 9
20th 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	31:11-24 62 104:24-35 139 32 63 140	Matthew " " " Reflection	10 11 12 13 14
27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	33:1-12 65 141 33:13-22	Matthew "	15 16 17 18

# CHURCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2021

This is my report as Church Secretary of the events and activities during 2021, celebrating what God has done with us here at London Street and a challenge to prayer and action for the future.

As Church Secretary I have to draft two annual reports. One to present at our annual church meeting and another to present to the Charity Commission on behalf of the Trustees. For this year, and probably for the future whilst we remain without a minister, I will draft an annual report organized so I can top and tail it easily for the Charity Commission.

Basingstoke URC registered as a Charity (number 1130801) with the Charity Commission in July 2009. We are known as London Street (Basingstoke) United Reformed Church and we take our

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structure, governance and management from the Scheme of Union of the URC which is set out in a document known as 'The Manual'. Our objective as a Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union. We achieve that through our activities and facilities offered to the community by our building.

#### Church Meeting

The Church Meeting of the local church shall consist of those persons who have been admitted to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership of the URC and whose names are included in the membership roll of such local church. (Item 2(1) of the Manual)

Church Meeting of London St. met on 6 occasions during 2021, 3 being conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Our quorum for the year was set at 13, down from 14 for 2020. Our first meeting

focused on changes to the Constitution, primarily to reflect the impact of COVID on our inability to meet face to face at church meetings in conducting church business. Agreement was also given:

- for an application to be made to the Synod for consent to the installation of audio-visual equipment in the sanctuary and a grant of £5,000 to help with the funding; and
- for the Elders to seek to charge the Synod with drafting a licence for the Community Food Link to hire the Den.

In May the meeting debated returning to the sanctuary for worship. It was agreed that if all government restrictions were lifted on 21<sup>st</sup> June, the church would open for worship on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Having contacted church groups, I reported that all wished to exercise caution and rather than return immediately wouldn't do so until September. In preparation for re-opening, I arranged for two major clear outs of items that no longer needed to be kept. Following the Elders' Away Day when consideration was given to our Vision for the future, the meeting agreed to focus on hospitality and mission.

In July it was agreed that we should hire the sanctuary and church rooms on a Sunday from 4.00pm until 7.30pm to the Hub Church. The potential amount received for this letting would equal our annual income from pre-pandemic hirings. It was also agreed that we should appointment a Mission and Hospitality Manager.

We finished the July meeting by thanking Revd Kay Blackwell for her tireless ministry at London St. over 8 years. It was an emotional service on 5<sup>th</sup> September when Kay conducted her final service at London St. as minister.

In September the meeting reviewed the guidance for keeping safe during Sunday worship which I had circulated in July. The main item on the agenda though was a discussion on the letter from the Synod concerning deployment policy and its implications for London St. In November I reported back to the meeting the outcome of the discussion on the deployment policy in relation to our future worship and what people want and could do for the church. The main item for discussion and was agreed, centred around the changes to our pastoral care and the adoption of a pastoral care team. But by far the longest debate at that meeting was whether we should switch the heating on in the sanctuary!

#### Church Members

As at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, our membership stood at 84. Over the course of 2021 we lost many dear friends: Joyce Smith in February, Phyllis Birchmore and Muriel Haddock in October, and Ron Martin in December. We remember too David and Julie Bath who lost their son Darrell; and also the family of Peter Pay, Peter being known to many here at London St. as an interim moderator and lay preacher. Former members/associates who passed away in 2021 include Sheila Baker, Joan Flint and Alberta Patel.

#### **Elders' Meeting**

The Elders' Meeting of the local church shall consist of the minister and the elders elected by the Church Meeting. (Item 2(2) of the Manual)

Elders' Meeting of London St. met on 12 occasions during 2021, 7 being conducted via Zoom video conferencing. At the beginning of 2021 we had 12 serving elders: Leng Ayland (11), Anne Davey (6), May Honeyball (9), Alison Jamieson (11), Ian McCloy (12), Gill Miller (5 out of 5), Kengjise Moavu (9), Carol Scott (10), Ian Scott (12), Joy Williams (11), Sarah Williams (9) and Jean Young (9 out of 11). (Numbers in brackets refer to the number of meetings attended from 12; Gill Miller resigned in May, and Jean Young in November.)

For 9 months, a lot of time at Elders' Meeting was devoted to the pandemic and the impact on life at London St., and as restrictions were lifted how best to ease the transition to ensure we were all kept safe. During that 9 month period other items discussed were changes to our Constitution; AV for the sanctuary; CFL licence for use of the Den; regular updates on the London St. Hub; organising a Lent House Group and Enquirers Course; consideration of items stemming from OneChurch Basingstoke; and maintenance of the Manse. The annual review of our Safeguarding Policy inc. Child Protection Policy; and Health and Safety Policy inc. Lone Worker Policy was undertaken and presented for signature in June. For the remaining three months the focus switched to preparing the church for a prolonged vacancy starting with a revamp of the sub-committees of Elders' Meeting focusing on the functions of Elders' Meeting as detailed in the Basis of Union. A revision was made to the fees we charge for funerals and it was agreed that Little Angels should re-open.

#### Trustees

The serving Elders at London St. are appointed as Trustees of the London Street (Basingstoke) United Reformed Church Charity. The role, responsibilities and training of Trustees is dictated by the Charity Commission:

Charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of a Charity. Trustees have and must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a Charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well run, and meeting the needs to which it has been set up.

The Trustees here at London St. have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Basis of Union states that the functions of Church Meeting and Elders' Meeting (Trustees) and the minister (who is also a Trustee) collectively share the duties and responsibilities outlined for the Elders' Meeting along with accepting the ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the Charity as laid down by the Charity Commission. The general control and management of the administration of the Charity is further exercised by representative Elders being members of the Church's' four main committees:

- Finance managing all the day to day financial responsibilities and the preparation of the accounts. Thank you to Julia Burrows as Chair and Karen Bell as Treasurer;
- Property managing the maintenance of the Church and Manse (the Church building and the Manse are vested in The United Reformed Church (Wessex) Trust Limited as trustees and held for the benefit of London St. in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties). Thank you to Joy Williams and Rob Williams in particular;
- Children and Youth Work instituting and overseeing the work with children and young people. Thank you to May Honeyball as our co-ordinator, to Carol Scott and Jenny McCloy as Junior Church leaders, and to Gill Craft as leader of the 8<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke Scouts;
- Mission ensuring that the Church demonstrates its concern for the local community and the world. Thank you to Alison Jamieson who chairs the World Mission Group.

Elders' Meeting received reports from the committees and in turn to Church Meeting.

Not all serving Elders have undergone formal training for their duties specifically as Trustees, other than to acquaint themselves with their responsibilities when required to do so, for example in connection with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and health and safety generally. Those nominated to serve as Elders in future will be required to declare their intention to undertake such training as dictated by a recent directive from the General Assembly Executive.

# Disclosure and Barring Service, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, and GDPR

On-line Disclosure and Barring Service is administered by myself and Joy Williams for those at London St. who will work with children, young persons and vulnerable adults. All serving Elders are required to be DBS checked.

As stated above, the annual review of our Safeguarding Policy inc. Child Protection Policy; and Health and Safety Policy inc. Lone Worker Policy was undertaken and presented for signature in June. All Trustees are required to undertake formal safeguarding and some attended courses during the year via Zoom. There were no safeguarding incidents to report to the Charity Commission in 2021.

The Safeguarding Policy drafted by the URC has been adopted by London St. with modifications implemented to reflect the nature of our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. It's important that we provide a caring and safe environment, not just on a Sunday morning for our church family, but during the week too with all those we meet at activities such as Memory Tree and Little Angels and of course during pastoral visits. This structured approach helps us to achieve that. Thank you to May Honeyball and Joyce Cook as our safeguarding coordinators.

Through Elders' Meeting, as Church Secretary I ensure that the Church complies with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

#### An overview of the Church's life and work during the year

#### Worship, prayer and study

At the start of the year we remained in lockdown, yet every Sunday Revd Kay Blackwell live streamed services from the Manse. These were recorded and downloaded onto You Tube and accessed via You Tube or through the church website. Thanks to Tony Patterson for arranging that and also for distributing DVD's of the service to those without internet access who requested them, and to Jenny McCloy for distributing hard copies of the service also to those without internet access. Some of our music was pre-recorded and thanks to Alex Macro and John Carrick Smith for arranging that. Thank you Kay for all the hard work undertaken to ensure that London St. continued with worship throughout the pandemic. I know it wasn't always easy but it was very much appreciated. Excluding our friends from Old Meeting, attendance on Zoom averaged out at 60, slightly down from 2020. Thank you to Kay, Carol Scott and Jenny McCloy who helped run the Junior Church breakfast club online for the children.

From July we met once again at London St. and following the departure of Kay we are grateful to all our visiting preachers, including Peter Bentall and Joy Williams our two lay preachers. Attendance back at London St. has yet to return to pre-pandemic levels, averaging 45 to 50.

We gave thanks for new life on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 as we celebrated the baptism of Ruby Honeyball-Todd, daughter of Sam and Ray, and granddaughter to May.

Throughout the year some of us met online weekly to pray and also to participate in Bible study through Take Time meditation. Thank you to Joy Williams and Alison Jamieson who have taken on leading Take Time from Kay.

Thank you to Jenny McCloy for organising and running our Lent Study Group and to Kay for running the Christianity Explored Course.

#### Premises

Although the Church has been closed for much of the year for worship, the building has remained partially open and has had to be maintained. Thank you to Joy Williams and Rob Williams for undertaking this. Also to Lou Waller for cleaning and to Jason Dudley for helping when required.

#### Community Work

We continued to serve the community here in Basingstoke by using the Den to bring in food from the supermarkets, sort it and distribute it to those in need. The Community Food Link, which is an integral part of OneChurch Basingstoke, has grown massively during 2021 and we are grateful to Penny Dilley the co-ordinator for this discipleship in helping so many individuals and families within our community.

Meals on Wheels continued from both London St. and the Baptist Church at Gershwin Road preparing over 100 meals a week but the decision was made to stop this from the summer when the COVID restrictions eased.

Our hot food table utilizing food from the supermarkets, ran outside the church at lunch time during the week until September when it reduced to 4 days a week to accommodate the use of the building for church groups to meet. We no longer could run the Youth Cafe but engagement with the youngsters continued by providing the food table outside during term time as the schools closed. Both have turned out to be successful in as much as it provides an opportunity to engage in conversations with passers by and customers as part of our ministry of discipleship. Thank you to those in the congregation who turn up each week to help and support this important outreach work.

#### Children and Young People

As I mentioned earlier, the Church's work with children and young people continued throughout 2021 not only with imaginative Zoom activities for our Junior Church, but also with our 8<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke Scouts. Thank you Gill Craft and Annmarie Smith Browne. Both Junior Church and the Scouts returned to London St. in September. Toddlers were not forgotten as Leng and Chris Ayland, Anne Davey and Lou Waller opened Little Angels for parents and pre-school children in the Autumn.

#### Pastoral Care

Our objective as a Charity cannot be achieved if we don't look after one another. Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known is perhaps a key foundation stone of our church family. By His love and care for us we reach out to one another and in the wider community through our words and actions. It may be in a practical way by shopping or giving a lift for a medical appointment or to worship on a Sunday. It may be by listening or encouraging with a comforting word, smile or hug or praying for one another. We are thankful to God for His love shown to so many during the last 12 months, however pastoral care by those elders with a pastoral group was sadly lacking at times and it became a lottery as the level of care received depended too much on who was your elder. It was also a point made at our Church meeting in September when you were asked to consider future worship, what you wanted from the church and what you could do for the church. A recommendation for change was therefore made to the Church Meeting in November and it was agreed to adopt a new pastoral care system with two components: a care chain and a pastoral care team.

#### Thank you

In concluding my report, on behalf of the congregation, my thanks go to all who contribute to the life of London St. week by week through faithful witness serving God in many ways. In addition to those I have already named, there are the stewards and greeters organised by Joyce Cook and Jean Holton; those who arrange flowers organised by Liz Lindsay; those who serve refreshments after worship organised by Jenny and Ian McCloy; those who clean the communion glasses organised by Elspeth Anthony; our musicians Peter Dixon, Ian Rees, Alex Macro, Mark Best and Joyce Cook; those who count the offertory organised by Julia Burrows; John and Margaret Carrick Smith for the Traidcraft stall; Christine Robertson as editor of Focus and Ali Grant who distributes it by post; Jean Holton as our archivist; Alison Jamieson for our shop window and also co-ordinator of the Foodbank; our audio rota organised by Alex Macro; Tony Patterson for the PowerPoint on a Sunday morning; Gill Miller and Alison Jamieson for organising our fellowship meals; Margaret Carrick Smith and Liz Lindsay for drafting the minutes of Church Meeting and Tony Patterson for the minutes of Elders'

Meeting; Joy Williams and Karen Bell as lettings secretaries; Chris Ayland for organising the collection of stamps for the Leprosy Mission; and to John and Elaine Coakes for distributing Reform. Apologies to anyone who I might have missed. Finally a big thank you to Revd Kay Blackwell. It has been a great blessing to have Kay as our minister for the last 8 years.

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### Face Coverings

Elders' meetings of URC churches have the legal responsibility for ensuring the health and safety of all who come to worship. With that in mind a reminder from our Elders' meeting about face coverings.

Although the wearing of face coverings in church is no longer mandatory in England, the position remains that Elders' meeting encourage and expect you to wear one as follows on a Sunday:

- if you are seated in the safer zone at the rear of the sanctuary
- when moving within the concourse after service
- when ordering your tea and coffee at the hatch
- if serving in the kitchen
- when ordering goods from the Traidcraft stall.

Medical exemptions will, of course, continue to apply.

The decision has been made not to relax the request to wear face coverings at present given that the infection rate is rising once again in all age groups.

If we all wear a face covering as detailed above as a continuing act of respect and love for your neighbour, it reduces the risks of transmission.

#### Thank you

Owen

*Conference: The confusion of one person multiplied by the number present. – Anon* 

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are still needed. Can you spare 2 or 3 hours a week or a fortnight to help in the kitchen or on the food table outside church during the week (except Wednesday) from 11.00am. If we have more volunteers we can set up a rota rather than relying on the same people to turn up each and every week. Please speak with Joy or Owen.

# Away Day for the congregation

As I reported at the church meetings of February and March, we received no applications for the post of Mission and Hospitality Manager. Arising from this Elders' meeting felt the need to revisit the church's vision for its mission. As an interim measure I'm pleased to report that we have recruited Carol Tooke, who was already working in the kitchen as a volunteer, to work as a Kitchen Supervisor for 8 hours per week from 15th March.

In revisiting our mission we are to have an Away Day for ALL in the congregation. I'm in the process of organising this on behalf of Elders' meeting. The day will be led by Revd Mary Thomas, our Development and Support Officer from the Synod and Steve Summers from Church House. Steve is responsible for the ministry of Church Related Community Workers (CRCW) and 7 years ago Kay and I met on many occasions with Steve in considering the role of a CRCW and the suitability of an appointment here at London St. The date for the Away Day will be Saturday 25th June. The venue has yet to be determined. I will let you know more as soon as possible.

Owen

Never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly. - Anon

# Children Thinking back to Mothers' Day:

- (a) What's the difference between mums & dads?
- 1. Mums work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
- 2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
- 3. Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.
- (b) What does your mum do in her spare time?
- 1. She takes my brother to football and my sister to violin lessons.
- 2. To hear her tell it, it's like she pays bills all day long.
- 3. I think that must happen during the night, because then she just lies there and sleeps.

### A Little China Figure

A little china figure on a little bracket sat, His little feet were always crossed, he wore a little hat. Every morning rain or shine, In shine or shadows dim, A pretty little housemaid came and softly dusted him. She picked him up so gently, with such a charming air, His china soul was melted quite - it drove him to despair.



One day while being dusted, in his joy he trembled so To feel her little fingers, that alas - he let her go. In vain he tried to grab her back, fate willed it they should part, He fell against a fender edge and broke his little heart. She gathered up the pieces and she told a little lie. Expounding to her mistress how the cat had made him die. And on the following morning, when the shutters back she thrust. She spoke this little epitaph: "There's one less thing to dust!"

# April Services at London Street

at London Street, unless otherwise stated				
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Worship, led by Revd Communion and Ind	
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Palm Sunday Worshi by the 8 <sup>th</sup> Basingsto	p, Parade service led
	Dead	lline for an	ticles for the May issue	e of FOCUS
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday - J Tadley. Communion Ward <b>at Old Meetin</b>	Service led by Mark
Fri.	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm	Good Friday - Sounds The Easter Story. T service of words an choir items and con	his is an ecumenical d music, including
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	5.45am		te Park, Tadley,
		10.30am	Joint Communion Ser Julian Macro at Lon	5
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship, led by Revd	Tony Cashman.
		Stewa	ard/Welcome	Duty Elder
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Iso		lsc	bel Martin	Karen Bell
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jea		Jea	an Holton	"
Sun 17	7th	Lo	ng Ayland	"
			vid Catterall	"

### Quiet in church

A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place, and he will have to start the sermon all over again." It worked.

## Regular Weekly Events

(all at London Street, unless stated otherwise)

- SUNDAYS 10.30am Worship
- Mondays: 10.15am Craft Group
- Tuesdays: 10.15am Little Angels in the Wessex Hall

2.30pm Take Time Meditation on Zoom (see church website for Zoom code)

- 5.30pm Beavers in the Hook Room
- 6.30pm Cubs in the Hook Room
- 7.30pm Scouts in the Wessex Hall
- Wednesdays: 10.15am 3Cs (Coffee, Chat and Company) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month
  - 10.30am Memory Tree Social Club
  - 12.15pm Lunchtime Prayers

#### TADLEY SERVICES:

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am - Sharing Service at Old Meeting

- 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Joining with Community Church at the Link
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Reflective Service at Old Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> 5.30am Sunrise Service at Skate Park, Tadley followed at 7.30am - breakfast in the Immanuel Centre
  - 10.30am Joint Service at London Street
- 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Service led by Sydney Shore at Old Meeting

#### Regular Weekly events -

Monday afte	rnoon -	Ladies Cell Zoom meeting (contact Penny O'Bee)
Monday	7.30 pm -	Evening Cell group Zoom (contact Mark Ward)
Tuesday	7.00 pm -	Prayer meeting on Zoom (St Paul's and Tadley URC)
-		(Penny O'Bee)
Wednesday	7.00 pm -	Prayer meeting on Zoom (Tadley URC) (Mark Ward)
Thursday 1	0-12 noon -	Little Angels toddler group in Immanuel Centre
-		(contact Ena Menarry)
Friday	2-3 pm -	Men's Shed at Immanuel Centre (alternate weeks) (Paul Gross)

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