

London Street United Reformed Church

Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 7NU

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THE NOTICEBOARD

Information, updates, tips and more.



FOCUS: A Note From The Editor

This month we take a well earned break, so this edition is really just a quick update, but the next issue should be a return to the usual format. In the meantime make sure you try out Jean's latest recipe (page 7)!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this mini edition of Focus magazine. If you would like to contribute to the September magazine, please contact the editor by **17th of August**.

Can you help to make sure that no one in our local community goes hungry?



Items needed:

Instant Mashed Potato, Tinned Meat (Hot e.g. Chilli, Hot Dogs, Stewing Steak), Crisps/Savoury Snacks, Tinned Fruit, Hot and Cold Desserts (Not Rice Pudding), Jam/ Sweet Spreads, Sweets/Chocolate/Other Sweet Treats, Custard, Powdered Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Ladies and Gents Deodorant, Hair Conditioner, Toilet Rolls, Cleaning Sprays/Surface Cleaner, Washing Up Liquid, Reusable Shopping Bags.

Please **do not** give Pasta, Rice, Hot/Cold Cereal, Tea/Coffee, Non-Dairy Milk, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Soup, Kitchen Roll, Tinned Beans, Baby Food, or Dog Food as these are already in surplus.

Donations can be left at London Street URC in the container provided. For up to date lists, or to find other donation points, go to:

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The Sanctuary

The dais carpet is beginning to show its age, and like most of us of a certain age it has developed wrinkles. We have had the carpet stretched and cleaned, while still not perfect, it is better than it was. In addition to the carpet, all the chairs in the Sanctuary have also been cleaned.

In order to maintain the carpet and chairs in as good a condition, and for as long as possible, may I remind you that any equipment or furniture on the dais must be lifted when moved and not dragged, as this is believed to have been the main cause of the wrinkles. If you move a chair put it back where you found it. The chairs lock together and each has a place.

Do not take food or drink, other than fresh water to drink, into the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Flooding of the Concourse

On the afternoon of Sunday 11th June we had a torrential thunder storm resulting in water pouring through the concourse roof and down the stairs from the first floor into the concourse. This resulted in 2 inches of water in the concourse at the London Street entrance with a shallow amount reaching as far as the kitchen. The water impacted not only on the electrics but also the fire alarm system. Two firms were commissioned to examine the electrics and fire alarm system. On Tuesday 13th June we had the 8th Basingstoke Scouts in the building. The fire alarm went off, children and leaders evacuated the building and the fire brigade called. After an inspection of the building no fire was found but they stated that water had penetrated the smoke detectors in the concourse which triggered the alarm. The alarm was reset with a verbal demand given that the alarm system be thoroughly inspected.

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There are numerous faults with the electrics and we will have to close the building over a 5 day period for the work to be carried out. Porton Fire Services who carried out the inspection of the fire alarm system have found that the system is old and obsolete and it would not be possible to source replacement parts and the recommendation is to replace it. An analogue system will take up to 5 weeks to install and test. The Trustees are also looking at a wireless system which won't have the same impact on the fabric of the building and will be quicker to install.

As I write this article, I have engaged a competent person to undertake a fire safety risk assessment to advise on the fire alarm systems and check that the reports and quotes given for the work against the reports are adequate. I have also contacted our insurance provider for the building to ensure that we have the correct level of cover provided by a fire alarm, and a statement pertaining to the level of fire protection they would require us to have I can forward to a fire alarm installer.

Owen

Church Away Day with Petersfield URC

With only 26 members of Petersfield URC signing up for the Away Day, and 22 from London Street, Josh and I agreed that these numbers were insufficient to justify the cost, time and effort that was required by the organisers to make the day a success. Disappointingly, the recommendation put to the Elders of both churches was that the event be cancelled. This was agreed. Josh will address a future church meeting on possible alternatives focussing primarily on London Street.

Owen



Community Food Link Hubs



CFL partners are distributing fresh food that can no longer be sold at supermarkets to help the most vulnerable in our society, at the following places and times:

Monday	Melrose Community Hall, Popley - 10:30am
	Salvation Army, Wessex Close - 11am
Tuesday	Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill - 10:30am
Wednesday	St. Peter's Church, South Ham - 12:30pm
Thursday	Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury - 12noon
Friday	Oakridge Methodist Church - 1pm
Saturday	United Reformed Church (URC), London St. - 12noon

Food Pantries (a small charge may apply)

Popley Fields Community Association:

Wednesday 1pm-5pm, and Thursday & Friday 10am-2pm

Inspero Community Shop:

Tuesday 10am-1pm

Westside Community Pantry, RG22 6QB:

Tuesday & Thursday 10am-2pm and Wednesday 10am-12pm

St. Mary's Kingsclere, Swan St., RG20 3RW:

Thursday 2:30pm-4pm

Tadley Community Food Pantry, RG26 4HN:

Wednesday & Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

Please remember the following people in your prayers...

Eric and Christine Clucas

Maggie Morgans and family

Joyce Cook

Jenny and Ian McCloy

Claire Macro

Barbara Banbury

Liz Lindsay and family

Stan and Sandra Marut

Marguerite Hurford and son Michael

Doina Rasnita

Beverley Cantwell

David Corfield

Betty Shipway

Christine Weaver

Linda Hicks

The Patterson family

Mark and Chris Best

The family of Les Wenham

Archie, grandson of Chris Jones

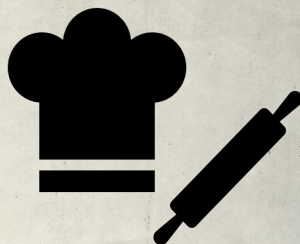


COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Jean Young shares a recipe for a delicious treat you may have enjoyed recently after a Sunday service.

LEMON/ORANGE/LIME CRISP BISCUITS

Makes: 20 approx.



INGREDIENTS:

125g/4oz. Butter or soft margarine.

50g/2oz. Caster sugar (and a little extra to sprinkle on top).

150g/5oz Self raising flour.

Grated rind of one lemon, orange, or lime.

METHOD:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180C/350F/Gas mark 4. Grease or line a couple of baking trays, and have wire trays or racks ready to cool them on.
2. Rub the butter or soft margarine into the other ingredients until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Work the mixture into a dough.
4. Roll into small balls about 2.5cm/1 inch in diameter, or roll out dough and use a biscuit cutter.
5. Put them 5cm/2 inches apart on the prepared baking trays.
6. Flatten the balls of dough with a fork dipped in cold water.
7. Bake above the middle of a moderate oven as above, for about 10-12 minutes until pale gold in colour.
8. Allow to cool slightly before moving them to wire trays or racks to cool completely. Sprinkle with the extra caster sugar while still hot.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS



This month's assigned readings.

	Psalm	New Testament		Psalm	New Testament
1st	89: 9-13	Acts 27: 1-26	17th	94: 16-23	Romans 13
2nd	89: 14-18	Acts 27: 27-44	18th	95: 1-7	Romans 14
3rd	89: 19-29	Acts 28	19th	95: 8-11	Romans 15
4th	89: 30-37	Romans 1	20th	96: 1-6	Romans 16
5th	89: 38-45	Romans 2	21st	96: 7-13	1 Corinthians 1
6th	89: 46-52	Romans 3	22nd	97: 1-6	1 Corinthians 2
7th	90: 1-6	Romans 4	23rd	97: 7-12	1 Corinthians 3
8th	90: 7-12	Romans 5	24th	98	1 Corinthians 4
9th	90: 13-17	Romans 6	25th	99	1 Corinthians 5
10th	91: 1-8	Romans 7	26th	100	1 Corinthians 6
11th	91: 9-16	Romans 8: 1-17	27th	101	1 Corinthians 7: 1-24
12th	92: 1-7	Romans 8: 18-39	28th	102: 1-11	1 Corinthians 7: 25-40
13th	92: 8-15	Romans 9	29th	102: 12-17	1 Corinthians 8
14th	93	Romans 10	30th	102: 18-22	1 Corinthians 9
15th	94: 1-7	Romans 11	31st	102: 23-28	1 Corinthians 10
16th	94: 8-15	Romans 12			

EVENT DIARIES



What's on this month at London St. & Old Meeting URCs.

At London Street URC (unless otherwise specified):

Regular Events

Sunday Worship 10:30am			
Mondays	10:15am	Craft Group	
Wednesdays	10:15am	3Cs Coffee, Chat and Company	3rd Wednesday of the Month Only (16th).
	10:15am	Memory Tree Social Club	
	12:15pm	Lunchtime	

Please note: The Take Time Meditation and Scout groups are not currently running.

August Worship Diary

6th	Led by Revd. Josh Thomas; Musician: N/K; Duty Elder: Margaret Carrick Smith.
13th	Led by Revd. Mike Burrell; Musician: Peter Dixon; Duty Elder: Margaret Carrick Smith.
20th	Includes Holy Communion Led by Revd. Howard Sharp; Musician: Alex Macro; Duty Elder: Margaret Carrick Smith.
27th	Led by Revd. Julian Macro; Musician: N/K; Duty Elder: Margaret Carrick Smith.

Next Church Meeting (Date Has Changed):

~~September 18th (Monday), 7:30pm – In the Hook Room~~

September 13th (Wednesday), 7:30pm - In the Hook Room

At Tadley (Old Meeting) URC (unless otherwise specified):

Regular Events

Sunday Worship 10:30am		
Monday Afternoons	Ladies' Cell Group	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Monday Evenings	Cell Group	Contact Mark Ward or
Tuesday Evenings	Joint Prayer Time with St Paul's	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Wednesday Evenings	Prayer via Zoom	Contact Mark Ward.
Friday Afternoon	Men's Shed	2pm, once a fortnight. Contact Paul Gross.

August Worship Diary

6th	Led by Karen Jones & John Featherstone.
13th	No Service at Old Meeting.
20th	Led by Jim & Penny.
27th	No Service at Old Meeting.

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