



# FOCUS

July 2025



London Street United Reformed Church

Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 7NU

Tadley (Old Meeting) United Reformed Church

Malthouse Ln, Hants, RG26 3NY

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This month, Alison presents 'Thoughts from Pentecost'



*I have said these things to you while I am with you. But the Advocate (Helper), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.*

John 14: 25-27

We have just celebrated 'Pentecost', complete with flames, made by Kay, Karen and myself some years ago and wind, made in the service by some very competent Beavers.

It occurred to me that the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is not much mentioned in our tradition. I wondered if it was that the other two persons of the Trinity, The Father creator and The Son, Jesus Christ our saviour, are rather more understandable persons. We can relate to these more easily because they are human relationships and their roles are recognisable. The Spirit seems 'other worldly' and we are down to earth people? However if we look at the Bible we can read that all three were present at creation and Jesus, humanly speaking, was continually in touch with The Spirit and The Father.

Before Jesus was crucified we read in John's Gospel, that he told his followers that The Spirit would be sent to them with the job of encouragement, bringing truth, and 'reminding the followers of all that Jesus had said and done. Giving the followers the power to tell and demonstrate to the world the Good News of Jesus Christ. In so doing, he does not draw attention to himself. \*John V Taylor calls him the 'Go-between-God' because he now acts as the link between the individual members of the worldwide church and the Father and the Son.

Looking back over my journey of faith, I can see points at which I have 'seen the light' of the Good News and been surprised by thoughts that have sprung to mind of revelation, and maybe directions that would not go away. I suspect that these were the work of the Holy Spirit, enlightening my understanding and helping me to come to faith and to make a commitment to follow Jesus. That still small voice of the Spirit? I imagine you have had these moments too? There is much to be

thankful for.

**\*\*"The Go-Between God – The Holy Spirit & The Christian Mission" by John V Taylor past Bishop of Winchester**

**Prayer:**

*Gracious God, we thank you that we can know you for ourselves through the living presence of your Holy Spirit. We praise you that, by your Spirit, you meet our inner most needs, filling our souls with joy, peace, hope, and power. We celebrate the way you are always moving in our lives, deepening our faith, enriching our experience, strengthening our commitment and enlarging our vision. Help us to open our lives more fully to the presence of your Spirit, so that we may know you better and be equipped to serve you more fully, to the glory of your name. Amen*

## THE NOTICEBOARD

Information, updates, tips, and more.



### Diamond Wedding Celebrations!

We would like to invite our London Street Friends to join us in our Diamond Wedding Celebrations:



Sunday September 7th from 2:30pm

for a Garden Party in the London Street URC tradition.

- Peter & Ruth Bentall

### Church Flowers

The Flower Committee would like to thank Sheila Munro for donating the July Church flowers. Joyce Cook will arrange the flowers.

**Advanced Notice: Wessex Chamber Choir “Come and Sing”  
The Armed Man - A Mass for Peace  
20th September 2025**

This is a community event where singers from around Basingstoke are invited to join with Wessex Chamber Choir for rehearsals of this piece of music. Following the final rehearsal in the afternoon this joint body of singers would then present this piece to an audience in the evening.



It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to join this renowned choir and be part of a community engagement.

Further details to follow

**FOCUS: Next Issue**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Focus magazine. If you would like to contribute to the August magazine, please contact the editor by **20th of July**.

**Eco Tip**

**God's Gift -- Our World**

**The Environment -- Our Responsibility**



Many people think it best to charge their phone/laptop all the way up and then use it until it's nearly dead. This is wrong - it's better to charge lithium-ion batteries up to about 80%, then plug it in again if it gets below 50% - don't let it drop to zero and only charge it to 100% once a month or two. Leaving it to charge overnight is bad as keeps it in high-tension state, wearing down the chemistry within.

**Don't forget, you can recycle the following items at London Street:**

**Empty Printer Cartridges, Aluminium Containers and Foil, Batteries, and Plastic Milk Bottle Tops.**

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



Items **urgently** needed: UHT Fruit Juice, Savoury Spreads (e.g. Peanut Butter, Marmite), Hot/Cold Desserts (e.g. Jelly, Sponge Pudding, Angel Delight), Tinned Meat (e.g. Chilli, Stewing Steak, Ham), Deodorant, Shopping Bags.

Items needed: UHT Milk, Savoury Snacks, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Loo Roll, Cup-a-Soup, Crackers, Coffee, Tampons, Hair Conditioner, Household Cleaning Products and Washing Up Liquid, Powdered Milk, Squash, Sweet Spreads (Jam, Marmalade etc.), Pet Food.

Please **do not** give Baby Food, Hot/Cold Cereal, Nappies, Non-Dairy Milk, Pasta, Pulses, Rice, Sanitary Pads, or Tinned Beans, 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/givehelp/food/>

Or download the BankTheFood app from the  
Apple App/Google Play store and select  
Basingstoke Foodbank.



The latest Foodbytes magazine can be found by following this link:  
<https://mailchi.mp/a5eaf31df8cd/summer-2025>

Happy Birthday to the following  
members of our church family:

Joan Musselwhite

Aiden Paul (Bato Elong)

Shirley Craft



# **The Bible Society's**

## **ROMANS course**

**Starting 7:15pm for 7:30pm Monday  
12<sup>th</sup> May through to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**



**Tadley United Reformed Church Immanuel  
Centre, Malthouse Lane/Main Road, Tadley  
Info & let us know: [tadleyurc@gmail.com](mailto:tadleyurc@gmail.com)**



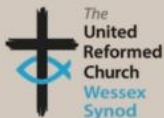
WESSEX SYNOD'S



BIG

DAY

IN



6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10AM - 4PM  
HIGH CROSS CHURCH - CAMBERLEY

# EXPLORE INSPIRE EXPERIENCE INVIGORATE ENERGISE *Resourcing churches*



**KEYNOTE:**  
**YVONNE MORRIS**  
**DISCIPLESHIP ENABLER**  
(CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES)  
DIOCESE OF OXFORD



**GOSPEL CHOIR**  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
WORSHIP AND WORKSHOPS

**REFRESHMENTS AND A COOKED  
LUNCH IS INCLUDED.**



**Discover our range of topics and speakers.  
Something for everyone, every church, and for you.**

**Workshops:** 'MyTime' Young Carers Awareness | Truth be Told Story Telling | Godly Play Introduction | Grant Funding Support | Time for God | LYCIG | School Pastors | Intergenerational Preaching | Dementia Friendly Church | Revisioning User Journey's | Evangelism through Mission | LGBTQ+ ministry |  
**Stands:** 'MyTime' Young Carers Award | Truth be Told Story Telling | Schools Pastors | Time for God | Children's Ministry Essentials | URC Bookshop | Stepwise | Scripture Union | Wessex Synod support

**BOOKINGS VIA - [URCWESSEX.ORG.UK](http://URCWESSEX.ORG.UK)**

# **A SUMMER EVENING OF MOZART REQUIEM and SOLEMN VESPERS**

**Saturday July 5th at 7pm**

Wine and Strawberries served from 6pm

**All Saints Church Odiham RG29 1LZ**

**BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY**

**Conductor Ben Cooper**

Tickets: Adult £20  
12 to 18 years £10  
Under 12 years free  
4 tickets get one free



To book: <https://www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk/events-all>

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## WORSHIP AND GARDEN PARTY

10:30AM FOR 11AM START

SUNDAY JULY 13TH 2025

PLEASE SIGN FORM IF YOU INTEND TO COME AND ALSO  
ADD ANY FOOD YOU WILL BRING

WE WILL PROVIDE SANDWICHES AND SCONES SO PLEASE  
BRING CRISPS, SAVOURIES, SAUSAGES, AND DESSERTS OR  
CAKES IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU

THERE WILL BE WORSHIP, MUSIC, SINGING, AND GAMES  
FOR THE CHILDREN.

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR

ANY OFFERS OF HELP WILL BE MOST WELCOME—EITHER  
TO SET UP ON SATURDAY OR TO HELP SERVE ON SUNDAY.

PLEASE LET GILL KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP

## THE PRAYER CIRCLE

Please remember the following people in your prayers...

Noorie and Gus Khatkur, who are flying soon to India

Ravi, Vijaya, and Rachan who are flying to India to visit family and friends for the first time in many years. They will be spending Summer there.

David Swain who is having ongoing eye treatment, and Alison who is supporting him

Isobel's husband Ted, a great support at Memory Tree, who is recovering amazingly well after surgery on a broken hip.

All our families as they prepare for their long Summer holidays from school

Nicola Walwyn and family

Chris Jones' grandson, Archie

Carol Scott and the family of Bev Ward

Gill Patterson's cousins, Christin & Col, and their dog Bella

Louise & David Waller

Joan Musselwhite

Mrs Noorie Khatkur

Dick & Anne Davey

Christine & Eric Clucas

Carys Haywood

Barbara Banbury and David Corfield

Marguerite Hurford and her son Michael

Alison and David

Bev Harris and Dom

Claire Macro

Stan & Sandra Marut

Hyacinth Ridguard

Ruth Bental

Owen Collins and family

The Patterson family

Maggie & Richard Morgans

Katie and Tom

Seb and Dorcas

John and his daughter

Brian, Elaine and family

Nicolle and Gavin

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

This month's assigned readings.



	Psalm	New Testament		Psalm	New Testament
1st	78: 17-25	Acts 7: 30-60	17th	84: 8-12	Acts 17: 16-34
2nd	78: 26-39	Acts 8: 1-25	18th	85: 1-7	Acts 18
3rd	78: 40-52	Acts 8: 26-40	19th	85: 8-13	Acts 19: 1-22
4th	78: 53-68	Acts 9: 1-31	20th	86: 1-7	Acts 19: 23-41
5th	78: 69-72	Acts 9: 32-43	21st	86: 8-13	Acts 20: 1-12
6th	79: 1-8	Acts 10: 1-23a	22nd	86: 14-17	Acts 20: 13-38
7th	79: 9-13	Acts 10: 23b-48	23rd	87	Acts 21: 1-16
8th	23	Acts 11	24th	88: 1-9	Acts 21: 17-36
9th	80: 1-7	Acts 12: 1-24	25th	88: 10-13	Acts 21: 37 - 22: 29
10th	80: 8-15	Acts 12: 25 - 13: 25	26th	88: 13-18	Acts 22: 30 - 23: 22
11th	80: 16-19	Acts 13: 26-52	27th	23	Acts 23: 23-35
12th	81: 1-7	Acts 14	28th	89: 1-8	Acts 24
13th	81: 8-16	Acts 15: 1-29	29th	89: 9-13	Acts 25: 1-22
14th	82	Acts 15: 30 - 16: 15	30th	89: 14-18	Acts 25: 23 - 26: 11
15th	83	Acts 16: 16-40	31st	89: 19-29	Acts 26: 12-32
16th	84: 1-7	Acts 17: 1-15			

## 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			
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Craft Group</b>	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>5:45-6:45pm</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>In Term Time.</b>  <b>All in the Den except Scouts who meet in the Wessex Hall.</b>
	<b>7-8:30pm</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	
	<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Memory Tree</b>	
	<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Lunchtime Prayers</b>	
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7:15-9:15pm</b>	<b>Explorers</b>	<b>In Term Time.</b>  <b>In the Den.</b>



### July Worship Diary

<b>6th</b>	<b>'Leading our Church into Growth' Service.</b>  <b>Led by The Elders; Musician: Revd. Denis Smith.</b>
<b>13th</b>	<b>No service at London Street.</b>  <b>Garden Party Service (see poster on page 10).</b>
<b>20th</b>	<b>Led by Revd. Mike Burrell; Musician: Mark Best.</b>
<b>27th</b>	<b>Service includes Holy Communion.</b>  <b>Led by Revd. Julian Macro; Musician: Peter Dixon.</b>

**Duty Elder for the month: Liz Foster**



## Next Church Meeting:

**7th July (Monday) at 7:30pm (in the Hook Room)**

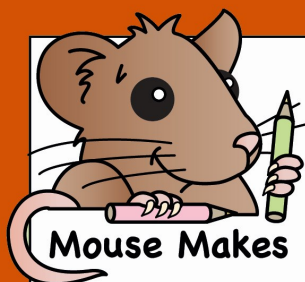
**At Tadley (Old Meeting) URC (unless otherwise specified):**

### Regular Events

Sunday Worship 10:30am		
Monday Afternoons	Ladies' Cell Group	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Monday Evenings	Cell Group	Contact Mark Ward or Paul Gross.
Tuesday Evenings	Joint Prayer Time with St Paul's	Contact Penny O'Bee.
Wednesday Evenings	Prayer via Zoom	Contact Mark Ward.
Friday Afternoons	Men's Shed	2pm, once a fortnight. Contact Paul Gross.
Saturday Mornings	Ladies' Breakfast & Talk	10am, 2nd Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.
	Men's Breakfast & Talk	10am, 4th Saturday of each month. Everyone welcome.

### July Worship Diary

6th	Service includes Holy Communion. Led by Mark Ward.
13th	Led by Rob Lloyd.
20th	Led by Greg Whittick.
27th	Led by Rob Young.



"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And He said to them, "When you pray, say...."



Our \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_,  
hallowed be your  
\_\_\_\_\_, your  
\_\_\_\_\_ come,  
your \_\_\_\_\_ be done,  
on \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Give us today our daily  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ us our  
S \_\_\_\_\_ as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_  
us from \_\_\_\_\_.

For the kingdom,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the \_\_\_\_\_ are  
yours now and forever.  
Amen

D T E O P R G O D  
F E E B R E A D I  
O M G T O P P G S  
R P W R T E O L C  
G T L E E N W O I  
I A O S C T E R P  
V T R P T A R Y L  
E I D A I N A M E  
N O S S O C D A S  
E N P S N E V F W  
S K P E V I L A I  
S I R S I N S T L  
Y N A E A R T H L  
G Y H E A V E N  
I D E L I V E R E  
F O R G I V E V E  
A M E N W O R L D  
I L F L J E S U S



Fill in the missing words of the Lord's Prayer then find them and these extra words in the word search:

**LORD'S PRAYER**  
**DISCIPLES**  
**JESUS**  
**GOD**  
**WORLD**  
**NEEDS**  
**FORGIVENESS**  
**TRESPASSES**  
**PROTECTION**  
**REPENTANCE**



The versions of **The Lord's Prayer** we say today come from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.  
*Which version do you use in your church?*



**Read**  
Matthew 6:9-15  
and  
Luke 11:1-4





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