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Church diary, Sunday 22 February – Sunday 22 March

(for regular activities see page 19)

FEBRUARY

Saturday	21	20.00	Kingston Churches Night Shelter at KURC (till 09.00 Sun)
Sunday	22	10.00	Traditional worship – Rev Roberta Rominger
		11.30	Interactive worship with communion
		18.30	Reflective worship
		20.00	Holy Space
Monday	23	19.30	Christianity Explored course
Wednesday	25	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		13.10	Lunchtime service
		20.00	Evening service
Thursday	26	19.00	Prayer meeting
		19.30	Discipleship Explored course
Friday	27	20.00	Guys Group (for 20's to early 50's), Spring Grove pub
Saturday	28	20.00	KURC budget meeting
			Kingston Churches Night Shelter at KURC (till 09.00 Sun)

MARCH

Sunday	1	10.00	Traditional worship with communion
		11.30	Interactive worship
		18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	2	19.30	Christianity Explored course
Wednesday	4	13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.00 & 19.00	Lent study course
		19.50	Elders meeting – final budget; pastoral support annual plan
Thursday	5	19.30	Discipleship Explored course
Friday	6	14.00	Not Strictly Dancing
Sunday	8	11.00	Morning worship (combined service)
			Copy for April Church News to David Richards by 12.00
		12.00	Church meeting – budget presentation
		18.30	Reflective worship
Monday	9	19.30	Christianity Explored course
Wednesday	11		Walk: Hampstead to Regent's Park with Peter Ashdown
		13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.00 & 19.00	Lent study course
Thursday	12	19.30	Discipleship Explored course

Friday	13		Not Strictly Dancing
Sunday	15	10.00	Traditional worship
		11.30	Interactive worship
		18.30	Reflective worship with communion
Monday	16	19.30	Christianity Explored course
Wednesday	18	13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.00 & 19.00	Lent study course
Thursday	19	19.30	Discipleship Explored course
Friday	20	14.00	Not Strictly Dancing
Saturday	20		Stay & Play?
Sunday	22	10.00	Traditional worship
		11.30	Interactive worship
		18.30	Reflective worship

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Minister's letter

Dear all,

Jesus spoke about money all the time. That is one of the ways we can tell he was not a British Christian!

What can we learn from his teaching?

- Sit lightly to your possessions. One day they will be sawdust. You need to be valuing things that are not from this world. You need to build your life on the rock of eternal things rather than the sand of things of the earth.
- Jesus was passionate about injustice. That included people being ripped off for their religion.
- You should be giving money to those who are in need.
- Sometimes you need to give things away. Some people have a problem that money and things have become too important. One of the ways they could sort that out is by giving things away.
- People can be deceived into thinking that money is the most important thing in the world. They are wrong.
- How people see you is not as important as how God does. One day you will be judged for the way you lived life and how you have used the resources you have been given. People who are well off are facing a real challenge.
- Generosity is a good thing. You can be generous even if you are poor.
- You can use money well for good causes.
- Do not worry. It does not help. Worrying does not change your circumstances.

Yours,

Lesley

Study opportunities during Lent

We are part of a local ecumenical partnership and we will be using the York course on the Lord's Prayer.

There will be meetings each Wednesday during Lent. That is March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st. There will be one group in the afternoon and one in the evening. The evening group will be at 7.30 the day time one at 2.00.

Also for those of you who can not get to a regular group but can get on line there will be a discussion using the book 'The Shack'. Copies from Pat Brooks.

Homelessness

(Ken Bartlett gave a moving address at the 11 o'clock service on 8 February – 'Homeless Sunday' – on the blight of homelessness in our society. The night before, as a partner church in the KCAH Night Shelter initiative which will run throughout February, KURC opened its doors to seven homeless people - providing a welcoming, warm, dry and safe place to sleep in, plus supper and breakfast. In this context, it seemed particularly appropriate to make Ken's words available to a wider audience.)

Could your family survive homelessness?

“Do you know what its like to be homeless?

Do you know what it's all about?

Do you really care?

What goes on out there?

Have you ever tried finding out?”

Is a family possible without a home? Isn't "home" at the heart of almost everyone's definition of a family?

The biblical picture of the Nativity also puts homelessness at the heart of Christianity. What is the Christmas story about other than a refugee family in the worst type of bed and breakfast hotel? And this isn't just theology or history, it is happening right now. There are currently 79,000 households in the UK living in temporary accommodation, 60,000 with dependent children. In 2007 27,000 homes were repossessed, 45,000 in 2008; how many will that be

in 2009? In 2006/07 SHELTER worked with 3,900 single people who were street homeless, i.e. literally roofless: they too are part of someone's family.

Can we understand the price that people must pay if they are homeless? What would it mean if some or all of your family had to exist without a home? Dare you imagine yourself in their place – how would you cope?

Imagine Mum: uprooted from the domestic routines you have created to support your children and partner; suddenly facing new neighbours who look down their noses; never any privacy to show affection or to shed secret tears; living with the fear that if you can't cope, then your children may be taken away from you.

Imagine Dad: arguing with an overworked housing officer trained to disbelieve; having every detail of your finances and family affairs pored over in a public place; watching the suffering of the family you'd like to provide for; struggling for dignity.

Imagine your daughter: silent in the school playground while friends talk about how they decorate their bedrooms; struggling to concentrate on homework in a single room that serves as kitchen, lounge and even bedroom; never the spare cash and space that a teenager needs.

Imagine your son: ashamed or even unable to bring mates home; with no privacy or space for hobbies; struggling to find work from a temporary address; perhaps even encouraged to leave because the family can no longer offer support.

Imagine the grandparents: unable or embarrassed to visit the hostel or overcrowded flat; trying to divert their neighbours' attention from the fact that their grandson is begging; powerless to help restore the hopes and dreams of earlier years.

These are some glimpses of how homelessness can corrode, corrupt and destroy one of the things we hold most precious – our family and personal life. They may seem dramatic, but we know that people within a mile of where we are now are experiencing at least some of these feelings. These are the personal nightmares that make up a national disgrace. Homelessness can happen through losing your job, through illness, through relationship breakdown, through an employer requiring you to leave tied accommodation. Think how hard it is for young adults to find or afford accommodation and leave home compared to their parents twenty or more years ago.

What is the role of the Church, the community of Christians? There are amoral and destructive economic and social processes in our public life. The danger for the Church is that we accept pagan agendas and try and make them less

oppressive rather than challenging those agendas and trying to replace them with the vision and values of Christ.

What do I mean by pagan agendas in our society?

Our society has become more divided: the process which has enriched the great majority of homeowners has been disastrous for those looking helplessly for somewhere they can afford to live. The UK is more polarised by housing wealth than at any time since the Victorian era. This situation cannot be changed until there is majority support for the balance of advantage to be switched in favour of those who are not yet housed.

Because a single wage is no longer enough to finance a home, both parents work and family life and children suffer.

It is probably fair to say that in our society ‘there is a swing away from the ideologies both of the free market and of the left’ leaving a values or moral vacuum. Geoff Mulgan, director of a secular think-tank, has described our society as in desperate need of “an institution with the authority to call on people to make significant sacrifices for others, for their children andfor future generations” Such a call sounds not unlike the way of Jesus, the man for others. In line with that call, the role of the Church is not only to bind up wounds, but also to identify ourselves publicly and politically with our deprived neighbours. We have a prophetic duty: we believe that in human life, mercy, compassion and forgiveness are the supreme values. These are the values which we have a duty to offer and proclaim in the name of Jesus. It is a political activity.

Ken Bartlett



**Bible readings for
the week of 2
March 2009**

The Good Shepherd. Text for the week: John 10:11

Mon 2 March -	Psalm 23	Thurs 5 March -	John 6:58-69
Tues 3 March -	John 10: 1-6	Fri 6 March -	1 Samuel 17:31-40
Wed 4 March -	Isaiah 50:4-10	Sat 7 March -	John 10:10-15

More information about IBRA and further readings at:
www.christianeducation.org.uk/ibra.htm

Derek's comment

It seems to me that the movers and shakers of Kingston are at last waking up to the fact that the “unique selling point” of Kingston is not only a vibrant shopping centre and night clubs. There is also a rich history buried beneath it all. For instance, one of the oldest bits of masonry is the Coronation Stone – assuming it was here when Edward the Elder was crowned in 900. Would it be a good idea to move this from its suspended platform above the Hogsmill and put it amongst the shops for all to see? And what do we do about Eden Street? Originally called Heathen Street – would it be more honest for it to revert to its old name? Where does our Church fit into all this?

There is no doubt that the best way for people in Kingston to hear about us, our faith and our way of life is for each of us to talk to our friends and acquaintances. We all know that there are many people in the town who are questioning what this life is all about. “Spirituality” is of general interest while the “Church” - including our own - can have a confused image. We all need to think about this. When talking about our Church to others do you ever say that “they” are doing this or that, or do you say “we” because you feel involved? I suggest we all talk about this and it would be good if we could share our thoughts with our Ministers and Elders.

One of the things the Elders have started to look at again is the use of the vestibule in the front of the Church. We are short of space on the ground floor and it would be convenient for our own purposes to fit it out with coat racks and use it for a store for spare furniture and toys. Alternatively, we could go to the other extreme and use it as a wayside pulpit with regularly changing electronic messages. Window displays in Kingston are generally of a high standard, and it has been well proved that second best does not get noticed. We need some creative ideas.

In the last edition of *Church News* I said that the Elders would soon be holding their annual Away Day. One of the significant outcomes of this was that we all agreed that we need to develop and share our faith with others. While we have many ideas on what to do, an input from many of our members and friends would be very welcome. This is something that is certainly worthy of general discussion

Derek Winsor

Pastoral news

Natashia Reid had an operation just before Christmas and is recovering well.

Peter Green is at present in Kingston Hospital.

Ray Erskin had a fall recently and sprained her ankle but is also recovering well.

Philip Sawney has commenced his 5th year on the waiting list for a heart transplant.

Tom Fisken continues his treatment but has not been so well recently.

David Richards continues with his chemotherapy, having some good weeks and some not so good weeks.

Lorna Tarbutt has also been unwell recently.

Jo McGee has given birth to a baby boy – Benjamin William – a brother for Joshua.

We pray for **Lesley** in her continuous support to our congregation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these people and with those on our regular prayer list: **Margaret Fisken, Ann Mackay, Ken Trigg, Alan Clegg, Joan and Munroe Mackay, Colin Veale, Olive and Jim Webb, Muriel Adam, Hilda Tunley, Patty Davies, Mimi Williams and Helen Simpson.**

We also think and pray for those who are caring for someone at home: **Virginia Trigg, Olwen Sawney, Nigel Tunley, Lilian Veale.**

Maggie Arnold

Wayside pulpit (1)

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE
EARTH - IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH
YOU



Police put on a show!

On Monday 20 October 2008, over 80 senior citizens attended St Paul's Church, Kingston Hill to watch the Attic Theatre Company provide an hour's entertainment, including a song or two, on the serious issue of 'Bogus Callers' and how we can protect ourselves from them.

The play used some simple, catchy phrases to help people remember what to do when an unfamiliar person calls at your door: 'Don't open your door to strangers'; 'If in doubt, keep them out'; and 'If they're straight, then they'll wait', while you check with their company.



Sgt Trevor Quy said, "Although the theatre production is humorous, we hope that the serious message of protecting elderly and vulnerable people from 'Bogus Callers' came through".

The Attic Theatre Company will be at Kingston United Reformed Church on Thursday 26 March to repeat this popular performance - and you are invited. Performance times will be 1pm and 3pm. If you would like a ticket please contact Michael Brennan or Kingston Safer Neighbourhood team on 020 8721 2804.

Thank you from Mary

I would like to thank all the kind people who have prayed for me, sent me cards, phoned me, enquired about me and visited me over the last few weeks. I am now getting better, and I expect to be here in hospital a little longer before moving to Tolworth Rehab Hospital before going home.

Mary Cole

Debt

The Community Ministry Group have been looking at how the church can help with the rising problem of personal debt amongst our congregation and those who come into the Foyer during the week.

I set out below my findings of some help that is available. The church does need, however, a person who would be interested in taking our response “on board” and act as a liaison between those seeking help and outside expertise. If you feel that this is something you could help with please speak to Lesley. Our initial thoughts are that we would act to refer people to outside agencies who would have had training and some experience in dealing with debt. Our liaison person would not need expertise in debt but a willingness to help and support others.

So what resources are available locally and beyond?

The Surbiton Community Church are about to set up a referral service as a “CAP Money Centre” (CAP = Christians Against Poverty). The local centre is where those in need would be interviewed, supported and referred on to the CAP for detailed advice. The CAP have experts in the subject and can give high-quality advice. This is a significant commitment by the Surbiton Church of both time and money. They would be pleased for us to refer people to them once the centre is operational. The centre is expected to be based in Surbiton and operational in a month or so.

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Kingston (CAB) provide a service for those in debt. They have a number of trained counsellors and are able to bring in expertise as necessary. Their offices are just 500 yards from the church. At a recent meeting with their Deputy Chief Executive they said they would welcome for us to act as intermediaries and to refer a client to them. They have suggested a referral procedure and have provided the necessary documents to help with the process. We could be involved with this right away.

Stewardship Money is an organisation helping Churches to advise on how people can be helped with debt and to set up a Money Ministry. Details can be looked at www.stewardship.org.uk. They suggest that Money Ministry is

- To aim to offer pastoral support and to signpost professional help where needed.

- To promote budgeting and money management on biblical principles.
- To promote within the church congregation a biblical perspective on money not only driven by financial need but as a formative part of partnership

It understood that a local church in North Kingston may well set up a Stewardship Money Centre.

Stewardship are holding a Seminar “Money and Debt Day” sponsored by Synod at East Croydon on 28 Feb. Can anybody go??

“**Turn2us**” is a charity that exists to help people in financial need by maximising their income by helping them to access the money available through welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help.

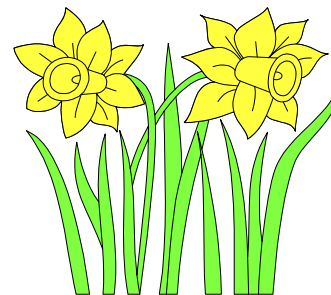
Turn2us has an excellent website, www.turn2us.org.uk, where information on welfare benefits and links to charities have been brought together. This seems to be an excellent resource and one can become involved as an intermediary supported by the charity to give advice to clients. This charity is hoping developing its service following a pilot helpline now in operation.

Is helping others with debt something that you feel you can do? Remember we are not talking about you providing the advice but signposting to other agencies. If so please chat to Lesley, and we can take things further.

David Richards

Church flowers for March

1 March	Cora Young
8 March	Pat Brookes and family
15 March	Virginia and Ken Trigg
22 March	Rosemary and Gordon Moore
29 March	Brenda Ives



Ministerial deployment

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the recent discussions about ministerial deployment; those who attended the church meetings where it was discussed; those who sent me emails or other notes; those who completed the questionnaire I gave out and the group who attended the special meeting at the end of January. Collectively a lot of effort has gone in to preparing our response to Synod but I believe it has been worthwhile. We have been able to submit a response that genuinely reflects the view of our church and I hope and pray that, along with the responses from other churches, it will enable the Synod to identify a clear way forward. This could not have been achieved without your input, so thank you.

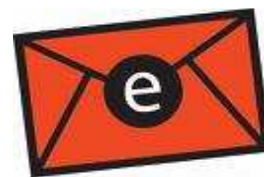
If anyone is interested in seeing a copy of the final submission please let me know.

Martyn Verge

For the record

Despite our best efforts, the Church Handbook 2009 is already out of date! Please note the following two changes:

- **Ruth Anderson's** e-mail address has changed to: reanderson@waitrose.com
- **Heinrich Niehaus** now has his own email address: heinniehaus@gmail.com



The 2010 edition of the Handbook is already in production. Please be sure to let the next Church News editor know of changes to the Handbook by the second Sunday in the month, so that they can be published. An e-mail to me giving that information, if you have that facility, would also be helpful.

Tony Wenman

Zimbabwe update

Fr David Harold-Barry SJ, operations director at Silveira House said, quote: *'The recent decision of the MDC to go into the government was greeted with enthusiasm by some and with considerable reserve by others. Yet the decision has generally brought widespread hope. People are saying: 'It is worth a try'. As the MDC people begin to work with the*



Cholera - Lizeni (one of the sculptors) and her mother recovering at home from cholera

ZANU PF people they will both begin to discover the common ground. The next weeks and months are going to be difficult. People who loathe each other are going to have to learn to work together. It is going to be very hard to swallow the things that have happened these past nine years and move on but this is what will be needed.'

Recent funds sent to Silveira House and Artpeace, the artists' co-operative, from sculpture sales and donations have undoubtedly saved many lives, covering medical and food requirements. The US\$ has virtually replaced local currency which makes life impossible for those with no outside contacts. At present, morale is very low as two artists have died from cholera. Nicodemus Mamvura only texted me a few weeks ago saying that he thought he was beating the disease, but complications set in finally putting an end to his suffering. I shall treasure his work scattered about my home and garden showing his immense talent. Indeed, some of Kingston's congregation may have bought one of his sculptures. Funds are on the way to support his wife Sekai and her young son Nyasha and 3 month old baby Tawona. I feel very much part of the group as they hold nothing back and share their pain and fears.

Their suffering is rammed home by numerous photos taken by the artists and sent via the internet although each time they have to walk 9 miles to Harare to find an internet cafe. Photos of blocked sewers with raw sewage running past their homes; harrowing graveside scenes; unbelievable poverty. Many artists are suffering either



Ganu – an artist's wife working on the family's maize patch

from stomach ulcers, TB or Aids: some with a combination of all three and yet they struggle on trying to support their families as they are the only breadwinner. However, just occasionally, I am cheered by photos of families hoeing little patches of maize whose seed was bought with our help, a veritable lifeline. In a few days I will meet a friend at Heathrow travelling to Zimbabwe on a standby ticket, all he can afford. He will be given funds, wind up torches, mobile phones, medicines and drop them off at SH on route to a group of lepers in Mutemwa whom he supports through proceeds from sales of marmalade. He is a peripatetic music teacher who treats the lepers to impromptu concerts and one of the many characters with hearts of gold I have been privileged to meet over the years.

John Simpson

An '18-year-size' B I G thank you

For eighteen years Brenda Parkins has acted as Hon. Treasurer for Churches Together in Kingston and been KURC's representative on this organisation. Through her belief in the importance of local churches working together, she was involved with setting up the significant inter-denominational / ecumenical project which eventually resulted in the now independent local organisation, Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

This means that KURC will need to find someone willing to be its official link person to Churches Together in Kingston. AND from 1st April Churches Together in Kingston needs a volunteer Hon. Treasurer to take over from Brenda (*not an onerous job, looking after the money - mainly collecting subscriptions and paying a few bills, Brenda says*).

To find out more please speak to Lesley or to me.

Teresa James

Wayside pulpit (2)

**THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT CAN'T
BE ANSWERED BY Google!**

Pat's favourite bookshop

(Most of us will have enjoyed browsing through the selection of books offered to us by Pat Brookes as part of the splendid work she and her Faith Development Group undertake on KURC's behalf. Some of us may even have bought one or two of them. But how many of us know where she gets them from? This month's editor does, as he had the pleasure of sitting next to one of the co-founders of the bookshop that supplies her at a recent Street Pastors dinner. So here is a little bit about their Christian bookshop from a recent press release they sent us.)



One of the little extras we offer is a cup of tea or coffee for customers browsing in the shop or people who come in with spiritual or emotional needs. Some people have come into *re:refresh* after visiting the local undertaker; on other occasions, people who have arrived early for job interviews in Tolworth Tower have come into the shop to browse and been offered a cup of tea or coffee. In summer the courtyard garden behind *re:refresh* offers a quiet retreat.

These are just a few examples of the ministry opportunities afforded by a local Christian bookshop. One of the greatest delights is when people come looking for Bibles. One lady said recently "I just suddenly decided I ought to find my Bible and get it out of the loft and start reading it. I couldn't find it, so thought I would come and buy one."

Christian bookshops like *re:refresh* are, literally, a shop window for the Christian faith. They are open at times when most churches are closed, and they offer the familiarity of a retail environment to people for whom church might be an alien experience. Christian bookshops, like most shops, have found 2008 a challenging year and anticipate that 2009 will be even more so. Some have already closed. They need your support if they are to continue.

Looking back over 2008, excluding Bibles, the following were the three top-selling books at *re:refresh*:-

1. The Shack – William P Young
2. The Purpose Driven Life – Rick Warren
3. The Money Revolution – John Preston

re:refresh has a New Year sale running through January and February. Details are on the *re:refresh* website www.refreshbooks.co.uk. Or visit the shop:

re:refresh books and christian resources, 23 The Broadway, Tolworth KT6 7DJ, tel: 020 8390 5400

Looking for an evening out with a difference?

How do you fancy the opportunity to:

- catch up with your reading, or even (re-)start 'War and Peace' – in peace?
- lounge around with a clear conscience in ergonomically crafted armchairs within a warm, comfortable and award-winning environment?
- escape the tyranny of Corrie and Eastenders, and impress your friends by honing your Su Doku skills instead?
- get more closely acquainted with one of Kingston's leading listed buildings without having to join the National Trust?
- enjoy unlimited on-tap d-i-y Fairtrade tea or coffee?
- have a credit-crunch-busting nite-out in downtown Kingston that leaves plenty of money in your pocket for a guilt-free fish 'n' chips on the way home?
- take advantage of free wi-fi and use your laptop to stay in touch with your office (oh yeah?), family and friends?
- have a cast-iron, selfless excuse for not doing the washing-up after tea?
- get to know lots of nice new people?
- enjoy unlimited free on-site water-skiing? *
- AND do something really useful at the same time?

Answer YES to more than a couple of these questions, and you could enjoy becoming a KURC evening steward! Please contact David Tang (020 8546 1845; dtang161@yahoo.com) for more details and to sign up.

(* We're still working on the water-skiing!)



**SELECTED
SATURDAY
MORNING AND
AFTERNOON**



Sud-Oriente Esperanto-Federacio

The South Eastern Esperanto Federation will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the **Mayo Hall** from 13.00 on Saturday 28 March and has issued a warm invitation to any visitors who would like to attend the musical performance and get-together which will follow it. Although formal proceedings and the performance will be in Esperanto, there will be information available for non-Esperantists who might be interested in learning the language, including the first lesson of the Federation's free postal course.

The Federation's main aims are to promote the language as much as possible, via its free 12-lesson postal course and also via various meetings and events throughout the year.

Over the last 30 years or more, a member, living in Tooting Bec, has provided a guest service for foreign Esperantists who are visiting London, for just £8 per night including bed and breakfast! During that time she has had well over 3,000 visitors from all over the world, most of whom cannot speak a word of English, but using Esperanto they can communicate with each other fluently.

Further details from Sud-Oriente Esperanto-Federacio, 27 Brenda Road, Upper Tooting, London SW17 7DD; tel: 020 8672 8095; www.esperanto-gb.org

Some facts about Esperanto

- Esperanto was launched in 1887 by Dr L Zamenhof and is now spoken in over 100 countries
- Esperanto is easy compared with other languages, with a set of fixed grammatical rules, completely regular verb endings and phonetic pronunciation and spelling
- Esperanto is based on Romance, Germanic and Slavonic word roots, with many words which will be instantly recognisable to an English speaker
- Over five generations of speakers have used Esperanto in every possible situation - many international couples using it as a home language
- Thousands of original and translated works of prose and poetry, including plays and essays, have been published in Esperanto
- The internet now gives free access to Esperanto chat rooms, clubs and net-radio broadcasts.

Regular weekly activities at our church

Monday:

10.00 Parents & Toddlers
(during school term)

Tuesday:

10.00 Parent & Toddlers
(during school term)

Wednesday:

10.00 Parent & Toddlers
(during school term)
10.45 Wednesday Forum
(first Wednesday monthly
except August)
13.10 Lunchtime service
14.15 Women's Fellowship
(weekly except August)
19.30 Prayer meeting

Thursday:

19.00 International discussion group

Friday:

from 17.30 Girls' Brigade
(during school term)
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(during school term)
22.00 All night prayers and
Street Pastors (until 04.00)

Saturday:

22.00 Street Pastors (until 04.00)

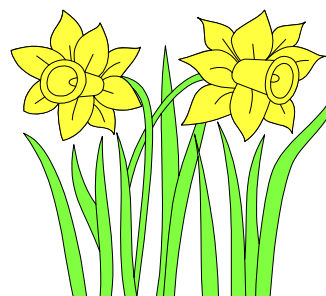
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Kingston United Reformed Church – information

A warm invitation is given to all who read this magazine to come and share in our services and activities

Our Sunday Services:

10:00 – Traditional Worship
(with communion first Sunday monthly)

11.30 – Interactive Worship
(with communion on the last Sunday monthly)

18:30 – Reflective Worship
(with communion on the third Sunday monthly)

20:00 – Contemporary Worship
(on the first Sunday monthly only)

On the **second Sunday** of each month a **combined service at 11:00** replaces the 10:00 and 11:30 services.

Tea and coffee are served between the 10:00 and 11:30 services, before the 11:00 service on the second Sunday and after the 18:30 service.

During the 10:00 service there are **group activities for children** of all ages. Children go to their groups at the end of the second hymn. Visiting children are welcome to join them.

Kingston United Reformed Church is a member of the Local Ecumenical Project in Kingston Town Centre with its partners All Saints Parish Church in the Market Place and Kingston Baptist Church in Union Street.

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Private prayer: The Sanctuary is open daily from 11:30 to 13:30

Coffee and tea: Our foyer is normally open every weekday and Saturday from 11:00 until 14:00 for coffee and tea.

A listening ear: If you would like to talk with someone about a matter of concern, you should find someone wearing a badge in the foyer between 11:00 and 14.00 on every weekday and Saturday who will be pleased to help.

