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In Touch

The magazine of the URC congregations in
Maidenhead and Marlow



Letter From Our Minister

What's your love story?

I remember speaking with an older single woman once who was telling me that everyone has a love story. Not everyone has a love story that ends as they wanted, but everyone has a love story.

Who gave you flowers? Who didn't?

Who did you want to give a Valentine's Day card to?

What's the most romantic thing that someone has ever done for you?

As this magazine comes out, the shops are filling up with very temporary gifts for Valentine's Day – mostly chocolate! But some signs of love are longer lasting. A wedding ring certainly is!

In church life, we celebrate love signs... and one of them has been around for around 2000 years: bread and wine.

They are God's way of giving us a gift every month (in our church tradition) that continues to say how much we are loved.

None of us will be able to give a love gift for 2000 years (!), but we can still offer signs of love to those around us. Here are a few suggestions:

Ukraine: who knew that giving a Pot Noodle would be an act of love!

Zimbabwe: sustaining ArtPeace is a gift of love and life

Worship: worshipping with those we might not normally be with

Rotas: serving other church people

Warm Welcome: being there for people in the community

There are so many different ways of giving gifts of love.

If you want to know more about any of the above, please do ask.

In the meantime, enjoy Lent. And just wait for the gift of love that is coming at Easter!

David Downing

Worship at Maidenhead and Marlow

All services start at 10.30 unless stated otherwise

Date	Location and worship leader for Maidenhead	Location and worship leader for Marlow
7 January	Rev David Downing Communion	Bob Robertson
14 January	Rev Helen Everard	Rev David Downing Communion
21 January	Rev David Downing Zoom	
28 January	Bob Robertson	Rev David Downing Church meeting
4 February	Rev David Downing Church meeting	Berenice Fray
11 February	Scott Wheeler Bible Sunday	Rev David Downing Communion
14 February 10am	Ashing service Joint at Maidenhead	
18 February	Rev David Downing Zoom	
25 February	Rev David Downing	Rob Lewis
3 March	Rev David Downing	Elders (Speaker: Wycombe Homeless Connection)
10 March	Rev Stephen Thornton <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	Rev David Downing

Marlow diary dates

Ukraine collection days

Friday 12 January from 10am-12 noon and thereafter Mondays from 10am-2pm and Sundays from 4pm-5pm.

Ukraine vigil

Sundays at 4pm in the Marlow church garden.

House Group

January 9 and 16 at 10.30am and thereafter on the first and third Tuesdays every month at Doreen's house. For further information contact David.

Coffee mornings

Marlow's coffee mornings will not be meeting in January and February until after the Warm Hub has finished.

Church meeting

Marlow church meeting Sunday 28 January.

Marlow Elders

Marlow has Elders meetings on January 15 and February 12.

Marlow Warm Welcoming Space

Marlow are continuing to offer a Warm Welcome – a Warm Hub.

On Mondays at 10am until 2pm, anyone can drop in for chat, coffee, and so much more. Some people bring their work, others

their knitting. Why not pop in for a short while and join in... and invite others!



WARM WELCOME SPACE

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You are welcome
Christ Church
United Reformed Church
Oxford Road, Marlow, SL7 2NL
Join us Mondays 10am - 2pm
December/January/February
for drinks, biscuits, soup, chat,
books, games, puzzles, knitting,
and more!

All free!

Our space is Warm, Welcoming, Safe & Free

Maidenhead diary dates

Ukraine collection days

Saturdays from 10am-12 noon

Coffee Mornings

These will continue on Wednesdays at the Deli in the Nicholson centre at 11am up to and including February 7.

After that we will be holding our Ash Wednesday service (10am) and then the following weeks, our Lent group at 10.30am.

Church meeting

Maidenhead church meeting February 4.

Maidenhead Elders

Maidenhead has Elders meetings on January 16 and February 6.

Ash Wednesday

We will mark the start of our Lenten journey by having a short Ash Wednesday service on February 14 – yes, Valentines Day!

This service will start at 10am and will include ashing. Everyone is welcome.

David Downing

Flowers in worship

The 2024 flower rota for Maidenhead is now in the link. Have you a special date you like to remember such as a wedding anniversary or birthday? Or a significant date that you would like to mark with flowers in the church? If so, please add your name for the relevant date on the rota in the Link and I will speak to you nearer the time. You do not have to arrange them!

Elaine Clewes

Church Rotas and helping in Maidenhead

With the start of 2024, we say a huge thank you to all those people who volunteer to 'help' with our Sunday services and other jobs in the church. There are lots of small and big tasks that need to be done to keep services and church life running smoothly and create a good environment for worship and God's

work. But there is plenty of room for more volunteers to fill the rotas and share the work – especially for Sunday worship.

Could you do a Bible reading in the service one Sunday (in the church or on Zoom), or maybe help set up and serve refreshments after a service? Could you be part of the catering team for special events? Could you learn (with help) how to operate the audio-visual system or prepare the slides? Even if you only come occasionally – you could take part.

There are sign-up sheets on the notice-boards for the rotas for services. Please have a look and put your name down for any Sundays that you might be able to help. Please, don't just leave it to the few – they can't do it all!

If you feel you could do something but don't know enough to decide, please talk to someone who already does that task or speak to me. If a rota looks full, but you still want to be part of that team, please tell me. We will happily add more people. Guidance is always given.

Don't feel left out – just join in!

Thanks,

John Holton, Maidenhead Church Secretary

[Churches Together in Marlow \(CTM\)](#)

Christ Church URC will be hosting the CTM Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving and the CTM AGM at 3pm on Sunday 21 January. This will be followed by the Ukraine Vigil in the church garden at 4pm and then refreshments in the hall. Please come and join us.

News will soon be shared in more detail about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18–25 January, but there will be short lunch time devotions held in the Methodist church at 12.30 on 18th, 19th, 22nd, 24th and 25th January and the Unity Supper will be on Tuesday 23rd January at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Prospect Road. If you would like a ticket for the supper, please speak to Valerie.

Lent Group Marlow and Maidenhead

What are the hills alive with the sound of...

... Easter Eggs?

... Hot Cross buns?

... Music?

If you answered music, you are going to love our Lent group this year! It's all about *The Sound of Music*!

Bryony Wood – someone I worked with years ago – has written a book that we will be using. The book, called 'The Sound of Musings', is:

Prompted by the story, songs and characters of a much-loved film, each short chapter looks at different aspects of life and faith, helping us all discover more about God's love and purposes. It's inspiring, authentic and biblically rooted, and a lot of fun!

Each week we will look at a bit of the film and then reflect on it... and we may even be singing along to some of it!

Firstly, you don't have to have watched the film.

Second, you don't have to have the book.

Third, you don't have to attend in person!

Our sessions will start at 10.30am on Wednesdays at Maidenhead URC and will be followed by a coffee morning – just as we did with the Advent Group.

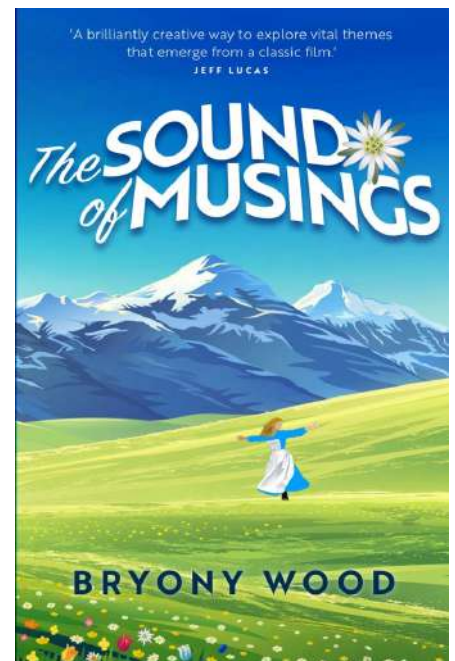
Plus, we will be Zooming it so that you can take part wherever you are!

If you'd like to buy a book, it will cost £12. You can buy it cheaper on the internet (feel free to do so) but we will be buying it direct from Bryony to cut out middleman costs etc.

I will need to know if you want a copy by **Sunday 28 January**.

The group will start on Wednesday 21 February.

David Downing



Christmas (and Advent)

First, a very big thank you from David to everyone who helped in big and small ways over the Christmas services. We worshipped in both churches, with live and streamed services, with quiet candlelight and cheerful ‘raising the roof’ carols.



There were many carols – most of which had been discussed in the Advent course. David gave us new perspectives on some of our favourites so we were able to sing them with fresh eyes and ears. (And mostly at the end of it we still loved them and all their associated memories, sometimes incomprehensible words and a heavy insistence on Victorian children being well-behaved).

Liz Robertson

Joint Carol service

I thoroughly enjoyed the joint Carol Service that we had just before Christmas. To see so many people in the Church was great and may I say we were all in very “Good Voice”. In particular the Ladies who sang the Soprano descant to the various hymns was fantastic and made the hair on the back of my neck stand up. Fantastic job by all and a most enjoyable Service.

Mike Liddle

And I thought I knew about Christmas carols

Like many of you, I have been singing Christmas carols all my life, certainly since schooldays. Having sung in several choirs, one way or another I thought I knew quite a bit about most of them. But, not so... as David’s fascinating Advent course on carols went on to show. It dispelled a number of myths, opened up several new arguments and quite frankly, really got the old grey matter (or what’s left of it) working.

So a really big thank you David, it was revealing and very enjoyable... and we even got to sing some as well. I for one can't wait for the sequel!

John Holton

Deployment – how we use our church ministers

You may have heard this word 'deployment' a lot, or you may not have heard it before. Either way, it is a word that we use to reflect how we use our ministers in the URC.

Things have changed quite a lot over the years. Even when I left college in 1999 quite a few ministers went to be in pastorates that were 'one church, one minister'. But life is changing all around us! In the URC we are changing as well. It is now exceedingly rare for there to be 'one church, one minister' – I can't think of one! You will know this because Maidenhead and Marlow share me! I also am aware of many ministers who have more than five or six churches, especially in rural areas.

You may have read in previous *In Touch* magazines that this Synod is having to change how it deploys its ministers. Discussions are now moving on.

Elderships have been discussing a workable way forward, and in conversation with our NE Synod Pastoral Committee (who are overseeing this discussion), we met before Christmas to think about increasing the size of our pastorate for the long term.

This conversation was about enlarging the pastorate to be Maidenhead, Marlow, Windsor and Bracknell. Since that meeting, all Elderships have reflected on it and now feel that this is the best way forward.

Now, there are lots of questions that will come to mind and I think it's fair to say, we don't have many answers yet! What we do know is that it will take **at least** two months for things to start to move forward.

So what happens now? It will come to both Church Meetings for discussion. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please pass them on to John, Valerie or myself.

David Downing

Ukraine

It has been such a joy to know how much of a difference we have been making in our link with Ewa and Poland. I know for a fact that there are lots of pictures and videos and we will try and show some of these during a Church Meeting.

But for those who helped with our latest truck – thank you. Everything from bundles of sweets to tools found a home. We must remember that we are fortunate to get any pictures as those who received these items are still in a war zone, but here are a few:



Lots of people are asking what we are collecting next... anything special? The answer is yes! We are collecting lifesaving, life-giving aid in the form of: **Food!**

It may seem really boring, but in all the places Ewa goes they all need food:

Hospitals Schools Churches
Nursing homes Communities

So, if anyone ask you about what we need, the answer is long-life food. We hope to send more in March for Easter, so please spread the word.

And do invite people to our fund-raising wine-tasting night!

David Downing

WINE to AID

Our support for Ukraine continues and with the recent news we can't fail to realise that the need for aid is greater than ever. On Friday 9 February we are planning a very different kind of *Aid for Ukraine* fundraiser, to be held at Maidenhead URC. 'WINE to AID' will be led by a local Master of Wine, Richard Bampfield – we will not only taste and learn about wine, but also what to pair wine with! This is a tremendous opportunity to encourage others to come along –

please tell your friends and family, even if it is not your cup of tea! Tickets (£15) can be purchased online using the QR code on the flyer. Alternatively go direct to the Eventbrite (ticket seller) website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wine-to-aid-a-wine-evening-supporting-aid-for-ukraine-tickets-790499494267?aff=oddtcreator>

If you find that technology a step too far, don't worry, just have a word with me, John or David!

WINE TO AID
Raising funds for Aid for Ukraine

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2024
7:30 for 8pm

Limited Tickets

Learn about wine pairings | Taste | Raffle/Auction
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Maidenhead United Reformed Church
West Street, SL6 1RL

Tickets £15
To book use this QR code:
More details from 01628 876047

A raffle/auction will help boost the funds raised that evening so we would be delighted to receive any donations for that – perhaps a bottle or a Christmas present looking for a new home, or do you have any contact with a business, restaurant etc.? Thank you!

Alison Holton



Marlow's weekly vigils continue at 4pm on Sundays, remembering and praying for the people of Ukraine.

Dancing in the aisles for Ukraine

Back in September, Roy and Jane May, two of the 'Ukulele Mondays' players, approached David and Valerie to ask if the *Aid for Ukraine* project would like Ukulele Mondays to hold a concert at Christ Church to raise funds for Ukraine. Needless to say they jumped at this kind offer! We fixed on Saturday 18 November as the date and worked together to make it happen.



I have never had so much fun before than at this concert. I'm proud to say I at least knew one song from every decade. (That's the plus side from being young but old at heart.) From *Baker Street* by Gerry Rafferty to *California Dreamin'* by The Mamas and Papas to *Flowers* by Miley Cyrus.



This concert was fantastically executed, I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Not only do these songs now have new memories (by that I mean Valerie dancing to *Don't Stop* by Fleetwood Mac or Libby, George, Pauline and Martin dancing to *Sweet Caroline*) but I don't think I've ever shouted/sung so loud in the worship area.

My favourite song from the whole night will be *Heroes* by David Bowie. If you think

about it, that's what we are. We are heroes by helping our fellow man in situations we'd hope never happen to us.

In a nutshell this was a brilliant concert and we raised just under £1300. Ukulele Mondays have offered to do another concert for us in the Spring. If there is another concert, you'll know I'll be too busy singing and dancing.

Well done church family, you did brilliant!

Kailey Milne

Motanka dolls and sunflowers

Our craft skills were put to the test on Sunday 26 November when Maria patiently tried to teach about a dozen of us from both Marlow and Maidenhead



how to make a traditional Ukrainian Motanka doll. Maria had kindly cut out all the different pieces of material we needed and all we had to do was put them together. What could be easier? As you can see from the concentration on our faces in the photo, it was not that easy and we all struggled, some more than others! I won't

name names as to which of us was all thumbs.

But we all got there in the end and managed to produce a Motanka doll which looked more or less like the one Maria had produced.



Then to test our artistic skills, Maria asked us to draw and then paint a sunflower for the Ukrainian soldiers on the front line. She kindly talked us through how to draw a sunflower but some of us were better at following instructions than others. I am not sure what the soldiers will make of them but they will know they were made with love!

And we were all rewarded by some delicious traditional Ukrainian cake which Maria had baked specially for us.

Valerie Brownridge



Spivochi choir sang Ukrainian and English Christmas songs for us on December 10

Community Outreach: URC and Marlow Volunteers

A few years ago, Marlow URC organised a Volunteers' Forum to help put organisations who were looking for volunteers in touch with potential volunteers. A number of voluntary organisations in Marlow recently approached the church to ask if we would consider organising another Volunteers' Forum as they were again struggling to recruit volunteers. Although we were not sure this was necessarily the best way to match voluntary organisations with potential volunteers, we wanted to be helpful and to respond in a positive way. We

therefore offered to host a meeting at Marlow URC on 30 November to talk about practical ways to help organisations to recruit volunteers.

We arranged for a representative from Community Impact Bucks which runs a volunteer matching service and our local Buckinghamshire Councillor to attend the meeting as we thought both would be well placed to offer advice.

We contacted a number of voluntary organisations in Marlow and invited them to our meeting. In the event, seven voluntary organisations sent representatives and a few more expressed interest in being involved, but were unable to attend. Everyone we approached appreciated the church taking the initiative to facilitate a discussion about volunteers.

We had a good meeting, even if we didn't solve the problem of how to recruit more volunteers! Community Impact Bucks shared a lot of useful information about recruiting volunteers and signposted some organisations which might be able to help. One of the ideas which came out of the meeting was that we should do more to celebrate volunteers which in turn might also encourage others to volunteer. We spoke about possibly doing a supplement for the Marlovian, the Marlow Town Council magazine, highlighting four volunteers and their organisations. We all agreed to give some further thought to how we might take this forward and share any suggestions in the new year. We have not planned a follow up meeting but we did not exclude meeting again. Watch this space!

Valerie Brownridge

The World Day of Prayer, 1 March 2024

'I beg you, bear with one another in love'

The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 'bear with one another in love' seems

very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts of those women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 146 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

In Palestine, The National Committee works in conjunction with a wide variety of organisations that are connected to the Christian Church. Involvement with the movement since the 1950s has enabled Palestinian women to interact with over 100 countries, strengthening the Middle East presence and witness.

The invitation to write the service for 2024 was an opportunity to reflect on continuing challenging times, encouraging Palestinian Christian women to keep searching for a deeper understanding among all the people who share the land, trusting for and hoping in the humanity of one another.



On Friday 1 March 2024 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Palestine.

In **Marlow**: 11 am at St Peter's Church Marlow (New Church), 7 St Peter Street, SL7 1NQ

Maidenhead: High Street Methodist Church, time to be confirmed

"Praying Palestinian Women"

Halima Aziz, Palestinian visual artist

Resource: <http://worlddayofprayer.net>

Bill Nightingale

Bill got us rolling in so many ways!

It was Bill who was the designer of our previous web site.

It was Bill who got us going on Facebook.

It was Bill who tried to make sure we didn't go without music through the Clavinova.

It was Bill who was always trying to get the most out of our audio visual set up.

It was Bill who advanced our church magazine.

It was Bill who became the first person in a wheelchair to help us load one of our trucks for Ukraine!

We have so much to be thankful to Bill for over his nearly 20 years at Maidenhead.

He will not only be missed as part our church life, but he will be missed by many as a friend.

Thank you Bill

David Downing

Memories of Bill

Chris and I have known our dear friend Bill since he began to see Linda.

He was the dearest and kindness man, helpful in every way, a one-off person.

We remember fondly the times we accompanied him to performances and concerts he put on for old people's homes and also Church and Friendship Groups and doing services at Yeldall Manor the drug rehabilitation Centre.

On one occasion we had to park in a pub car park next to Yeldall Manor.

Clambering out with all the guitar cases and speakers we were accosted by the landlord and I remember Richard Lisney, who was with us at the time, said "but we have a gig next door". He let us park but we laughed so much afterward.

Bill was a very accomplished musician and he loved to play his guitar, especially Jim Reeves and Johnny Cash and Linda's favourite *Fields of Gold*. We have been fortunate to have him as our Bible study leader and listen to his great services and sermons. He was a true Christian and he and Linda made a fine team.

We are particularly grateful to Bill for supporting us both these last few years writing to Chris every week and for prayers they shared at certain times of the week.

We particularly remember the guitar sessions with Bob Crichton and the Elderly Brothers Concert. The Friendship Group AGM meal was always delicious and we remember the help he gave with the homeless kitchen and transporting Roy to Church every Sunday.

We will miss you so very much. Glad you and Linda have been part of our life.

KEEP SAFE LINDA WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

God bless love *Pam and Chris*



Thanks from Linda

I would like to thank all my friends from Maidenhead and Marlow for all their love and kindness since the death of Bill. The amount of cards, letters and phone calls I received from people, all with such lovely words and memories of Bill, was amazing. I would also like to thank David for the lovely service he gave (I also have a picture of Bill carrying a box to the lorry heading for Ukraine while in his wheelchair). Bless you all.

Linda

Scout Group News

(Note from Liz – at the end of this article about the Scout Group, written by Alison, she modestly mentions that she and John have been awarded their 40 year Long Service awards. They do amazing work – not just administration and organisation, but putting up tents in the pouring rain and giving young people happy experiences to help them grow into confident young adults. Congratulations to both of you.)

In December the Beavers and Cubs were creative, making decorations for their tree, one of 74 entries at



the St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival. The results were stunning - great ideas.

Meanwhile the Scouts were suggesting to leader Duncan how he could build this year's amazing assault course inside the Scout Hut, then Duncan got busy over the

holidays. At the start of this term they donned their old clothes and mastered it! The Cubs found it a trifle more challenging but they had such a fun evening.



John and I recently received our 40 year Long Service Award but where have the years gone? We are so grateful to work with such enthusiastic teams of volunteers, with the support of parents and of course our church.

Alison Holton

Scout Group Quiz

Back by popular demand, the Quiz Night will be on Saturday March 9. Bring a team or join a team on the night to answer Gordon's questions, enjoy a baked potato supper and have a bit of fun! The quiz flyer tells you more, then see John or me for tickets (£10)!

Alison Holton



Saturday 9th March 7.30pm

United Reformed Church, West Street, SL6 1RL

Adults £10 – Under 18s £5

Includes baked potato supper

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Tickets from Alison & John 01628 639592 / 07481 020157

Church Life Review webinar: 24 January 2024

The United Reformed Church General Secretariat will be hosting a webinar about the Church Life Review on 24 January 2024 at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the session is to outline key pieces of work and roles which will be instrumental in affecting change and supporting the next phase of the review. During the webinar, the General Secretariat will be able to provide fuller details about the key volunteer posts to be filled, outline the tasks required to be carried out, and answer any queries. So, if you are interested in learning more about the next phase of the Church Life Review or you think you might be able to play a part in the next interesting step on the URC's journey of change, then do come along.

Principally, the roles are Convenor of the new Nominations Committee, as per decisions made at General Assembly 2023, and the Convenors of three task groups: finance resource sharing, support services and employed lay roles.

Please save the date in your diary. More details of how to join the webinar will be available soon.

Holocaust Memorial Day

The URC recognises the International Memorial Day which takes place each year on January 27 marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. This year the theme is 'Fragility of Freedom' and explores concepts of freedom.

For further information <https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/>

Christian Aid week 2024

This year Christian Aid week is **12-18 May**. As usual in Marlow there will be an "envelope drop" to raise funds for Christian Aid's work relieving poverty, responding to disasters and helping the world's poorest people to find

independence and dignity. Our loyal team of distributors has shrunk slightly in recent years so do please consider if you could take part. I know collecting envelopes was the part some people found difficult, but there's no need to do that any more. Now the task is simply to go out for a nice walk in the spring sunshine, admire gardens coming into bloom, and push envelopes into letter boxes as you go!



Once again Gillian Dibden MBE will be bringing talented young people from the Taplow Youth choirs to perform for us in the annual Christian Aid concert at Christ Church Marlow on the **evening of Sunday 12 May**. This is always a wonderful evening - save the date and tell your friends and families too.

Catherine Johnson

Alan Ball's paintings

Would you please thank all members on my behalf who supported "The Exhibition and Sale of Alan Ball's paintings" on behalf of

<https://www.younglivesvscancer.org.uk>

We raised over £1200 plus donations sent directly to the charity.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

There are still more pictures framed and unframed. If anybody would like to see them please contact me.

Wilma Johnstone

Racial Justice Sunday February 11

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' (Matthew 25:35)

'Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow'. (Isaiah 1:17)

God of justice,

We praise You for Your love shown to us, flowing through us.

We thank You that You have shown us how to live, how to love.

We pray for Your love to prevail in how we welcome our sisters and brothers who seek safety among us.

We pray for Your love to melt the cold language of our politicians and media. We pray for Your love to open hearts and homes and budgets and bank accounts.

We pray for Your love to bring down fences and barriers.

We pray for Your love to comfort and strengthen people seeking safety in the midst of trauma and uncertainty and injustice.

We pray for Your love to change us and challenge us and show us how to live, show us how to love like You love.

We praise You for Your love shown to us, flowing through us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Revd Gerard Goshawk

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Foundation Training can be accessed on the Learning Hub bit.ly/3TxIdm4

UK Wide Safeguarding Training 2024

Make your booking by emailing: Emma.Pearce@urc.org.uk

All training listed below will take place via Zoom

First date	Event	Second date
17 January, 2024 1:30pm	Domestic abuse	4 June, 2024 6:30pm
25 January 1:30pm	Safeguarding for Pastoral Workers and Elders supporting survivors	11 June 6:30pm
30 January 6:30pm	Modern slavery	8 October 1:30pm
31 January 1:30pm	Elders as Trustees	14 May 7:00pm
8 February 1:30pm	DDC Verifiers training and safer recruitment	23 May 6:30pm
27 February 6:30pm	Substance abuse	3 October 1:30pm
6 March 1:30pm	Refugees and asylum seekers	17 September 6:30pm
18 March 6:30pm	Safeguarding for Ministers supporting survivors	25 September 1:30pm
18 April 6:30pm	Adult safeguarding	15 October 1:30pm
8 May 1:30pm	Spiritual abuse	11 November 7:00pm
28 October 6:30pm	DDC Verifiers training and safer recruitment	4 December 10:00am
19 November 1:30pm	Online safety	

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Big Day Out '24 will be **Bigger and Better** with many **more rides** and additional programme activities provided by the Wessex Synod.
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SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024
10AM - 5PM

Book via:

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