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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 1st August
11 am

Morning Worship
Conducted by Mrs Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 8th August
11 am

Worship & Holy Communion – individual
glasses
Conducted by Rev Tom Cheesborough
Coffee after the service

Sunday 15th August
11 am

Morning Worship
Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 22nd August
9:30 am at Ombersley
11 am

Rev Jim Brown
Worship & Holy Communion – Common Cup
Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 29th August
11 am

Morning Worship
Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 5th September
11 am

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From the Manse



Dear Friends,

The Collins English Dictionary says this about “language”:

1. a system for the expression of thoughts or feelings by the use of spoken sounds or conventional symbols;
2. The faculty for the use of such systems which is the distinguishing characteristic of man as compared with other animals.

It says other things as well but it's on these two that I'll concentrate for the moment. For it seems that there are times and places where neither 1 nor 2, together or separately, actually achieve what is set out to achieve. Examples are usually found in those foreign places where English is not the first language, and mistakes, often funny, are made by those who try to put their sentiments across to people who, mostly, can't be bothered to speak any language but their own..

This sign was found in a cocktail lounge in Norway: 'Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.' Now I suspect we know what they mean but its not exactly what they've said. Here's a few more. Seen in a doctor's office in Rome: 'Specialist in women and other diseases.'

An information booklet in Japan about using the hotel's air conditioning says this: 'Cools and heats - if you want condition of warm air in your room, please control yourself.'

'In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter', from Vienna. And in Paris you might find this on a hotel reception desk: 'please leave your values at the front desk.'

And finally we go to Moscow, to a hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery: 'You are welcome to visit the monastery and its cemetery where famous composers and writers are buried daily except Thursday.' Even grave diggers need a day off I suppose! Who knows, maybe I'll find a few more over the next couple of weeks in Malta - watch this space.

Any way, you get the picture. Just a couple of letters or a missing comma can make all the difference. What then, do we make of a an ancient manuscript without full stops or commas or sentences or even vowels, which is then quoted by a man speaking Aramaic, which in turn is heard by Greek and Latin speakers and which is eventually turned into ancient English and is now in modern English? And of course I'm talking about our Bible.

Much has been said and written in recent days by clergy and media alike about getting back to biblical values. I'm not so sure that we know just what they are and anyway, who decides what to adhere to and what can be sidelined?

What I am certain of is that the word of God for his people can be found in its pages. What I am also certain of is that if we were to use parts 1 and 2 of the dictionary explanation of 'language' to better effect, and more people were to hear our thoughts and our feelings about our bible and our faith, then the kingdom of God would be a whole lot nearer.

With love and best wishes,

Jim

Albany Fellowship



For some time now I have been thinking that it might be a good idea to re-start the Albany Fellowship, and wondered if anyone would be interested.

Initially I would propose to meet on the first Thursday of each month starting on 2nd September at 2.30 p.m. in the church. The meetings would probably take the form of a social get-together/discussion with tea, perhaps inviting a speaker sometime in the future.

If you would be interested could you please let me know either at church or by telephone.

Hope we can find enough interested people.

Love Jean x (McCluskie)

P.S. Hopefully transport can be arranged for those who

September Deadline



Items for inclusion in the September Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 22nd August at the latest please

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month the following extracts have been taken from URC news articles, For further information on any of these stories visit the URC web-site

Calling all singers to Saltaire!



Love singing and looking for an August bank holiday activity with a difference? Then look no more. Head to beautiful Saltaire United Reformed Church in West Yorkshire and join in August Praise; an attempt to sing all 1021 hymns in Complete Mission Praise (1st edition).

Organised by Mrs Valerie Jenkins, church member of Saltaire URC, the marathon singing session is estimated to take 42 hours and will mark the centenary of the 1910 Edinburgh World Missionary Conference (the forerunner of the modern ecumenical movement) and the 25th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of Mission Praise hymn book. "But" laughs Mrs. Jenkins, "don't think we are asking the impossible and expecting singers to sign up for the whole 42 hours - we've divided the time into half-hour sessions and are encouraging enthusiastic soloists, choirs, groups of family, friends, colleagues to commit to one or more thirty minute slots" "It will", continues Mrs Jenkins, "be a fantastic way to spend all or part of the Bank Holiday weekend. We're inviting local singers as well as those from further afield. Saltaire village is a world heritage site and buzzing with activity during bank holiday weekends, so an hour or so singing could be just be one part of a day out. So far church groups, choirs, families and

duets have all signed up - but we have plenty of room for others to join. Whoever you are and wherever you are we would love to welcome you to Saltaire next month. Musical talent is an asset, but enthusiasm is essential!"

Moderator gets on his bike



On Monday morning (19 July) the Revd Richard Church, moderator of the North Western Synod of the United Reformed Church, is setting off on a month long cycle ride around the North West, visiting communities, churches and projects the length and breadth of the region.

Richard's journey begins in Macclesfield and will finish in Barrow-in-Furness on Sunday 15 August. Along the way he will be visiting a range of people, places and projects including the Carpenters Arms in Charlestown and Kirkham prison as well as popping in to a Teddy bear's picnic in Stockport, which will raise funds for Francis House. Mr Church will also share in ecumenical worship at Furness Abbey. At various points on his journey he will be accompanied by keen cyclists from partner churches from several denominations, including the Methodists, Baptists and Anglicans.

Talking about the reasons for his trip, Richard says, "Often people describe the church as an out of touch and staid part of society - far removed from the dynamic movement Jesus started. I'm hoping that my marathon ride, and the places I visit, will clearly show people that the Church is not stuck but is a vibrant and loving part of many communities throughout the North West, working for good and offering hope to people through the gospel."

United Reformed Church hits the airwaves



On Sunday 11 July the Revd John Marsh, past moderator of the General Assembly and the Revd Dr Kirsty Thorpe, current moderator, both took part in BBC radio Sunday broadcasts.

Mr Marsh featured twice on BBC Hereford & Worcester Sunday morning programme, first leading the half hour Sunday service with Bible readings from Genesis and Hebrews, hymns and prayers, and then in a live interview with the programme's presenter, Andrew Easton.

In the interview, Mr Marsh talked about the role of moderator, the reformed tradition and how the URC, as a reformed church is "more willing to be a little bit experimental, because that's the nature of reformation; you are pushing the edges and moving across boundaries, looking at new possibilities and new ways.

Malvern Update



For those of you who missed the announcement in church you will no doubt be interested to read the following statement:

The elders of Holly Mount, Malvern Link and Worcester United Reformed Churches met with a prospective minister this week and have invited him to preach with a view. The dates for the visit are 28th and 29th August. Details are yet to be finalised but it is proposed that there will be services in both Worcester and Malvern on the Sunday and an informal meeting with the minister in Malvern on the Saturday.

Please keep these dates free. Further details will be announced when plans are finalised.

We are aware that this is a Bank Holiday and some may be away but in the circumstances we are pressing ahead.

Helen M

Corrections!



As often happens inevitably I discover the minute the new address book is published and distributed I have made errors so as I won't be publishing again until this time next year please would you make the following address amendment in your directories:

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If any of the observent of you discover other errors or omissions I have made please do let me know either by telephone or by email: helenmartyrmoore@talktalk.net so that they get updated ready for next years edition! I can circulate alterations through the bulletin in between publishing times. Thanks a lot.

Helen M

The Newsletter



Yes, I've taken over production of the monthly bulletin from Margaret Morris. She tells me she has been producing it for 19 years, so firstly its a Big Thankyou to Margaret for all those Newsletters over that period.

I'm hoping that you will notice very little change, and only a small drop in quality! I haven't yet obtained a long arm stapler so you may find it falls apart in your hand.

All the more reason for you to join the ever increasing number who receive the electronic version direct to their e-mail inbox. If you would like to do this, just let me know.

Tim Dunn (newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk)

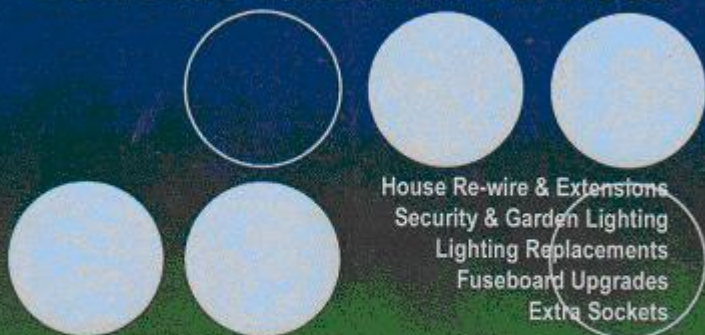
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	August 1st	August 8th	August 15th	August 22nd
Carry in the Bible	D.Cheesbrough	B.Forrer	T. Cheesbrough	L. Davies
Books / Offertory	J. Barber L. Davies	R. Peachey P. Denham	L. Berryman P. Berryman	T. Dunn T. Dunn
Reading	B.Neville-Lee	C. Hardyman	R. Peachey	H. Moore
Prepare Table		M. Morgan N. Neville-Lee		T. Cheesbrough D. Cheesbrough
Serve Communion		B. Neville-Lee N. Neville-Lee T. Dunn D. James		L. Brown R. Morris
Beadle	D. James	D. James	D. James	D. James
Foyer	P. Williams A. Hall	P. Williams A. Hall	P. Williams A. Hall	P. Williams A. Hall

	August 29th	Sept 5th	Sept 12th	Sept 19th
Carry in the Bible	B. Jones	M. Clarke	L. Brown	P.Williams
Books / Offertory	B. McCluskie J. McCluskie	T. Dunn T. Dunn	M. Morgan R. Michelmann	L. Davies J. Davies
Reading	M. Morgan	B. Neville-Lee	D. James	N. Neville-Lee
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