

## MISSION STATEMENT

“We are here to worship God as disciples of Jesus; to welcome, love and serve the community, and to share our faith in God”.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

10.30am Revd Michael Field

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

10.30am Mr Michael Ridley

## COVID PROTECTION MEASURES

Although we have advised people to continue wearing masks in church, please remember that the Government has now made this mandatory. This is strongly supported by our own Synod. With an increase in the number of cases in Covid please continue to use hand sanitisers regularly and practice social distancing.

## CHURCH MEETINGS 2022

The January Church Meeting will take place via zoom at 7.30pm this Wednesday, 19 January. Simone wrote an article in the December 2021/January 2022 edition of Overview regarding the future of the Café Service; this will be discussed at the Church Meeting. You may wish to refresh your memory by re-reading the article. Also for discussion is how we might commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the URC. We are strongly encouraged to bring our ideas on both subjects to the meeting. Here are the joining details -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82457761420?pwd=QnpETEhVWbzRaNc9jSkdQVTBhRzAwUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 5776 1420

Passcode: 592387

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, OVER

16 January, 2022

Tue 1.30pm Adult Institute  
5.00pm Cubs  
Wed 5.00pm Beavers – followed by the Scouts  
7.30pm Church Meeting via Zoom  
Thur 5.00pm Rainbows  
6.30pm Brownies

## FAMILY NEWS

We send many congratulations and best wishes to Eileen Stringer who celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, depressed or who have personal or family problems.

## TODAY'S PRAYER

We pray for confidence  
to share your Word with others  
and for the opportunity to proclaim it.  
Forgive our reluctance, our timidity.  
We pray for wisdom  
to know what should be said  
and the moment in which to say it.  
Forgive our reticence, our anxiety.  
We pray for knowledge  
of the fullness of your Grace  
and the willingness to live it.  
Forgive our ignorance, our self-reliance.  
Be the centre of all we are  
The Light by which we walk  
The blessing we bring to others  
Through Jesus Christ alone we ask. Amen

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## ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

Could Secretaries and Treasurers of the Church Groups please let Stephanie have their reports and accounts by Sunday 30 January – via email if possible? ([ivorsteph@ivorsteph.com](mailto:ivorsteph@ivorsteph.com)). The Church's Annual Report and Accounts will be available in church in March, ready for the Church AGM on Wednesday 20 April.

## ELECTION OF ELDERS

Gwen Bushill and Stephanie Smith have both completed their 3 year term of office. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to serving the church over a number of years. Gwen has decided to step down from the Eldership and Stephanie has said that she is prepared to stand for re-election. Since Val stepped down last year, and no-one replaced her on the Eldership, the team is now understaffed. We are looking for ideally a minimum of three people to stand for election probably for a period of 3 years but it could be less. Nomination forms are now available in church for you to name persons who could serve the church in this way. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate for this essential work. The Eldership relies on the good will of members, who love God, to organise the day to day running of the premises. You do not have to be an expert in anything as the Elders work together as a team. Completed nomination forms should be returned to an Elder by Sunday 27 February. If you are wondering if God is calling you to this important work please speak to an Elder or Garry to find out more about what is involved.

## STAMPS

Ann will be collecting used stamps again this Christmas (until the end of February); please give your stamps to Ann or Lesley.