

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”.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICE

10.30am Revd Garry Wareham – followed by Church Meeting.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

10.30am Mrs Simone Burrows

JANUARY CHURCH MEETING – THE FIELD

In 2022 the Church Meeting agreed to the development of the field subject to limitations. However, provisional planning enquiries by the developer have indicated that no access to the field would be possible using existing highways from Oakhouse Lane. We have been asked if Over URC would grant access to the site by extending and altering our current road access to the car park. To help understand this proposal, a draft plan has been shared and it may be helpful to know that this would be a level surface, without kerbs, but with a different surface treatment, making clear the difference between parking and road.

A Church Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 14th January, after worship where this proposal will be discussed, and we will decide if the Over URC grants permission to access the field or not. Please give this prayerful consideration; commit to being at the meeting; and if you have questions then send them to Ros or Garry ahead of the meeting. A copy of the explanatory note and plan is available in church for people to take home. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Ordinarily, refreshments would be served on the second Sunday of the month. Owing to the Church Meeting this will not happen on 14 January. It is hoped that we can serve them the following Sunday - providing someone is prepared to volunteer and put their names on the new list for 2024 that Karen has on display in the kitchen.

CHAT'N'CRAFT

The next Chat'n'Craft meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 January at 2.00pm in the Lecture Room. Any craft welcome or just come for the chat! £2.50, raffle and refreshments included.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, OVER 14 January 2024

Mon	7.00pm	Vale Royal Theatre Group
Tue	1.00pm	Adult Institute
	2.00pm	Chat'n'Craft
	6.00pm	Cubs
Wed	6.15pm	Beavers
Thurs	6.30pm	Brownies
Fri	10.00am	Cantate Choir Rehearsal
	7.30pm	URC Over Players Rehearsal

FAMILY NEWS

The funeral of Margaret Hancock will take place on Wednesday 24 January 2024. At 11.00, there will be the committal at Vale Royal Crematorium, followed by a service of thanksgiving for Margaret's life in our church at 12.00. Our sincere condolences go to Michael, the rest of her family and her friends.

We are sorry to report the death on 5 January of Tom Sandbach. Tom, his wife Joyce, (who sadly died in 2000), his son Peter and daughter Emma were active in the life of the church in the 1990's. We pass on our sincere condolences to all Tom's family and friends.

We send many congratulations to Eileen Stringer who celebrates her 98th birthday on 16 January.

Also celebrating their birthday on 16 January is Syd Hulse who will 90 on that day – many congratulations.

Belated birthday congratulations go to Arthur Mitchell whose birthday was on 8 January.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

It is now time to prepare the Reports and Accounts for 2023. Would all those responsible for drafting a report please send it to Stephanie Smith, preferably by email, by Sunday 4th February. Accounts for church organisations should be passed to Maurice Boughey for checking as soon as possible and before 4th February. Copies of the Annual Reports and Accounts will be available in church before the church AGM which will be held on Wednesday 17th April commencing at 7pm.

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,
When the question is 'Why?',
be the voice that I hear.
When the question is 'Where?',
be the guidance I need.
When the question is 'When?',
be the wisdom I seek.
When the question is 'How?',
be the strength I require.
When my answer is 'Yes!',
be the peace that I feel.

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Kindly submitted by Ruth Hatton

ELDERS' ELECTIONS

Stephanie Smith has completed her term of office and has decided that, after 29 years serving as an Elder, she will not be standing again. We thank Stephanie for all the work she has undertaken as an Elder, her unstinting dedication and commitment. Stephanie has given the Eldership a rough idea of those jobs she will continue to do as a church member. However with only two Elders, a Treasurer and Secretary the Eldership needs new people to be part of the monthly meetings, to contribute actively to the discussions which take part and to share the responsibilities of church leadership. We are not looking for someone to replace Stephanie and do the work she did. Elders work together as a team in leading the church, with each person bringing their own particular gifts to the team. Please consider prayerfully whether God is calling you or someone you know to serve in this way. Nominations will close on Sunday 25th February and forms are available at the front of the church. All nominees must be church members.

URC OVER PLAYERS PRESENT –

Beauty and the Beast, 31 January to 3 February, please note that on Saturday the production starts at 2.30pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Dementia Café held at the Salvation Army. For more information or tickets, please email overplayerspantotickets@gmail.com or phone 07399 747250.