

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Morning Service	10.30 am
Evening Worship (2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)	6.30 pm
Holy Communion	1st Sunday morning 2nd Sunday evening

**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Monday	10.00 am - 12 noon	Churches Together in Upton Coffee Morning at Pavilion, Wealstone Lane
	6.30 pm - 8.00 pm	Girls' Brigade
	7.30 pm	MOT Group
Tuesday	2.30 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)	Friendship Group
	10.00 am (every 2 weeks)	NTG (New Tuesday Group)
Wednesday	9.45 am (1st Wednesday)	Upton Amblers Midweek Walk
	1.30 - 2.45 pm	Bables & Toddlers Group
	6.45 pm	Prayer & Praise in the Vestry
Thursday	10.00 am	WD 40s (Women's Discussion Group)
	3.30 pm - 5.30 pm	Messy Church
	(2nd Thursday of the month)	
	7.30 pm (1st and 3rd weeks)	Thursday Home Group
	1.00 pm (4th Thursday)	Food 'n' Fun
Saturday	10.00 am - 12 noon	Church open for coffee
	10.00 am	Upton Amblers (dates vary)

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

1st Wednesday 7.30 pm	Church Meeting (alternate months)
3rd Wednesday 7.30 pm	Elders Meeting
	Task Groups (dates vary)

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# NEWSLETTER



# NOVEMBER 2017



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## **Message from the Manse**

The United Reformed church have recently launched a new venture called "Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today."

Walking the Way seeks to encourage individuals, groups and churches to have a better understanding of what being a disciple really means for us in society today.

The literal meaning of disciple is "one who learns as they follow"

Walking the Way explores what it means to actively follow and learn from, and to be eventually transformed by, Christ.

The way we walk with Christ might be familiar but our surroundings have changed a great deal in recent years.

If we are to engage with society, we need to be aware of, accepting of and welcoming of these changes. As a church community, we often say "all are welcome" however, if we are unwilling to accept change, or difference, then we are failing to live by our words.

As we seek to walk with Jesus, I am hoping that we can use some of the resources the URC offers in helping us to find our "way" so that we are better placed to show that we are true Christians by following the teaching in Romans 12:9-18

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Every blessing

*Ruth*

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

#### NOVEMBER

5 November	Dorothy Davies
12 November	Christine Beeston
19 November	Vivien Ellis
26 November	Dorothy Carr

#### DECEMBER

3 December	Ivison Family
10 December	
17 December	
24 December	Flower Box
31 December	Marjorie Kemp

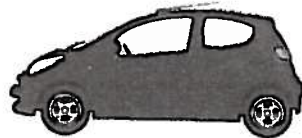
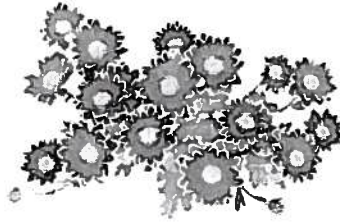
### CAR FERRY

#### NOVEMBER

5 November	Phil Mason
12 November	Keith Reading
19 November	Niall Ormerod
26 November	John Hainsworth

#### DECEMBER

3 December	Phil Mason
10 December	Keith Reading
17 December	Niall Ormerod
24 December	John Hainsworth
31 December	Phil Mason



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY 12 November

6.30 PM

Upton United Reformed Church

Tea and coffee after the service

*'We who are left, how shall we look again  
Happily on the sun, or feel the rain,  
Without remembering how they who went  
Ungrudgingly, and spent  
Their all for us, loved, too the sun and rain?'*

*A bird among the rain-wet lilac sings -  
But we, how shall we turn to little things  
And listen to the birds and winds and streams  
Made holy by their dreams,  
Nor feel the heart-break in the heart of things?'*

*(Wilfrid Gibson)*

## **A PRAYERFUL CHURCH**

Each Wednesday evening at 6.45 a number of us meet in the Vestry for our Prayer Meeting. We have been doing this for a number of years. When we meet we start off with a prayer for the four churches in Upton, their Vicar, Priest, Pastor and Minister and the congregations of each church. Those people known to be sick or in some need are prayed for, and also the names in our Prayer Book and Prayer Board. This is why we ask you to note the names of people you are concerned about, either in the Prayer Book or the Prayer Board so that we can include everyone. The Prayer Book is kept at the back of the church and brought forward at a point in the service so that prayers for these people can be included in the service. The Prayer Board is on the back wall, with paper available to write concerns on, which can then be put on the board. Each Wednesday all those whose names appear in either Book or Board are included in our prayers.

After this we pray for any meetings or services we are planning, or any situation, either in this country or abroad. For example the recent hurricanes and floods which have affected so many people making them homeless. This part of the meeting obviously varies as to what is happening in the world, and prayers are made by any member of the group as they feel led to do so. No one is expected to pray aloud unless they want to, many prefer to simply pray silently on the subjects raised. Individuals can pray for their friends or family members, or situations which trouble them either aloud or silently. God hears all our prayers however or wherever we pray.

We usually end by joyfully praising God singing hymns together. If we are not sure of the tune, we simply read the words aloud. The Prayer Meetings usually last about thirty minutes.

It is important that we talk to God both individually and as a church. We don't need special words to pray, loves and understands us all, no matter how we go about it, the important thing is that we talk to Him.

## **SUNDAY MORNING TEA/COFFEE ROTA**

### **NOVEMBER**

<b>5 November</b>	<b>Rose Harrison &amp; Fergus O'Neill</b>
<b>12 November</b>	<b>Margaret &amp; John Hainsworth</b>
<b>19 November</b>	<b>Debbie &amp; Niall Ormerod</b>
<b>26 November</b>	<b>Claire &amp; Dave Nichols</b>

### **DECEMBER**

<b>3 December</b>	<b>Brian Stephenson</b>
<b>10 December</b>	<b>Debbie &amp; Phil Mason</b>
<b>17 December</b>	<b>Beryl &amp; Jim Frost</b>
<b>24 December</b>	<b>Violet Brickland &amp; Robin Hodgkins</b>
<b>31 December</b>	<b>Lesley &amp; Noel Parry</b>



## REFORM MAGAZINE

The renewal of subscriptions for the 2018 Reform Magazine will be due by the end of November. The cost this year is £28. If anyone would like to be added to the list of subscribers could you please have a word with me. Also if any current subscriber wishes to discontinue their order could they tell me in good time. Many thanks.

*CELIA JONES*



The next Messy Church at Upton United Reformed Church is on

**THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

**3.30 - 5 pm**

**Theme: 'An Angel Appeared'**

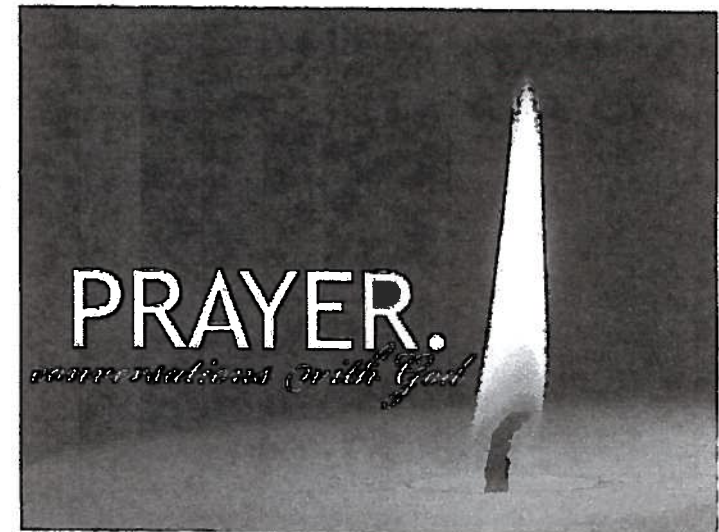
**If you know of any families with small children  
do invite them to come along**

I believe that a Church that doesn't pray together is not a fully functioning church, it is so important that we ask God's help in all we do.

We would love to see more people at our Prayer Meetings either regularly or occasionally. With this in mind, please let me know if you feel that a different time or day would be more convenient.

If we want our Church to flourish and go forward and be known in the district as a welcoming, caring and loving place to be, we can only do this with God's help. It is so important that we talk to God every step of the way.

*Marilyn Roberts*



## CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2017

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE / MEETING</u>
Wed	1	9.45 am	Upton Amblers Midweek Walk - Leaders Jean & George Coward
		12 noon - 3.00 pm	Holiday Club
		6.45 pm	Ecumenical Prayer & Praise
Thurs	2	10.00 am	WD 40's - 'Planning an Angel'
		7.30 pm	Thursday Home Group at the home of John & Margaret Hainsworth
Sat	4	10.00 am	Church open for coffee
		10.15 am	CHURCH MEETING
SUN	5	10.30 am	MORNING COMMUNION
		6.00 pm	SERVICE led by Revd Ruth Wilson SUNDAY at SIX at Vicars Cross URC with St Werburgh's Praise Group
Mon	6	10.00 am	CTU Coffee Morning at the Pavillon, Wealstone Lane
		6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	7	2.30 pm	Friendship Group - 'Quiz (Musicals)'
Wed	8	1.30 pm	Babies & Toddlers Group
		6.45 pm	Prayer and Praise in the Vestry
		7.30 pm	Churches Together in Upton Committee Meeting
Thurs	9	10.00 am	WD 40's - 'Bible Study with Liz Warrington'
		3.30 pm	Messy Church
Sat	11	10.00 am	Church open for coffee
		10.00 am	Upton Amblers - Leader Frank Mawdsley
SUN	12	10.30 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE led by Revd Susan Flynn
		6.30 pm	Churches Together in Upton ECUMENICAL SERVICE led by Revd Ruth Wilson
SUN	12		Copy date for DECEMBER / JANUARY Newsletter All contributions to Christine Beeston please

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN UPTON

Thanks to everyone who came to the annual Quiz Night at St Columba's Church on the 13 October. It was a very enjoyable evening. A total of £180 was raised. £90 was sent to CAFOD and £90 to Christian Aid



## Half Term Madness & Christmas Lite

During the Autumn Half Term we are planning on running another one day holiday club which will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 12-3.

We are also planning a Christmas Community event on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 4-8. This will involve a family Cafe Church / Messy Church style session with dinner and activities followed by a community carolling event around a large Christmas tree at the front of church.

These events can only take place if we can be assured of enough volunteers to help run them. Everything has been planned but we cannot publicise until we know we can go ahead. If you can volunteers for any times within these slots can you please contact (details below)

### 2018 Activities

We also have Holiday Club activities planned for a number of dates in 2018 but we again need your help. If you can volunteer any of your time then please contact me so as we can begin to move forward in planning.

February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

April 4<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>th</sup>

May 30<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thank You All

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVICE / MEETING</u>
Mon	13	10.00 am 6.15 pm	CTU Coffee Morning at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane Girls' Brigade
Tues	14	10.00 am 1.30 pm 6.45 pm 7.30 pm	NTG - 'Remembrance - Stories of our Church life' Babies & Toddlers Group Prayer & Praise in the Vestry Elders' Meeting
Thurs	16	10.00 am 7.30 pm	WD 40's - 'Making an Angel' Thursday Home Group at the home of John & Margaret Hainsworth
Sat	18	10.00 am	Church open for coffee
SUN	19	10.30 am	MORNING SERVICE Led by Revd Ruth Wilson including the baptism of Steve & Fiona Carder's granddaughter
		6.30 pm	EVENING SERVICE at Caldly Valley
Mon	20	10.00 am	CTU Coffee Morning at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane
		6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	21	2.30 pm	Friendship Group with Frank Mawdsley
Wed	22	1.30 pm 6.45 pm	Babies & Toddlers Group Prayer & Praise in the Vestry
Thurs	23	10.00 am	WD 40's - 'Newsletter'
		1.00 pm	Food & Fun
Sat	25	10.00 am - 12.30 pm	FESTIVAL OF ANGELS CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SUN	26	10.30 am 6.30 pm	MORNING SERVICE led by Revd Ruth Wilson EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE led by Mr Ken Peters
Mon	27	10.00 am	CTU Coffee Morning at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane
		6.15 pm	Girls' Brigade
Tues	28	10.00 am	NTG with Brian Stephenson - 'His Australian Adventure Tales'
Wed	29	1.30 pm 6.45 pm	Babies & Toddlers Group Prayer & Praise in the Vestry
Thurs	30	10.00 am	WD 40's - 'Wrapping Sweets'

## NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

- Wed 1** For those who come to the Community Holiday Club.  
**Thurs 2** For the Thursday Home Group.  
**Fri 3** For the province and the churches which fall within the area.  
**Sat 4** That Your guiding spirit will be felt at the Church meeting.  
**Sun 5** For the emergency services, particularly responding to bonfires.  
**Mon 6** For those meeting at the Pavilion on Wealstone Lane for coffee and companionship.  
**Tues 7** For the New Tuesday Group as they meet together.  
**Wed 8** Let your heart sing with the Upton Community Choir as they practice.  
**Thurs 9** Enjoy Messy Church with those who come and those who help.  
**Fri 10** For the MOT group who are visiting the theatre in Mold.  
**Sat 11** For the armed services who work to keep our country safe.  
**Sun 12** For those are affected by the services of remembrance.  
**Mon 13** For the Girls Brigade.  
**Tues 14** For the Saving to Share group.  
**Wed 15** For the Elders as they meet to discuss the ongoing life of the church.  
**Thurs 16** For the Men's working party as they try to maintain the fabric of the church.  
**Fri 17** For those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and those who provide care.  
**Sat 18** For those meeting at church for coffee and companionship.  
**Sun 19** For the people on Richard Sykes' pastoral list:-

David Bedford	Steve and Fiona Carder
Dorothy Carr	Robin and Emma Hodgkins
Gaynor Kitchener	Fergus and Chris O'Neill
Kathleen Parry	Joyce Scott
David and Audrey Taylor	Christine Walsh
Ted and Prim Whitehouse	

## UPTON AMBLERS WEEKEND

For our 2017 walking weekend we had a change this year and stayed at the Peak Edge Hotel in Derbyshire. This was a lovely hotel, with large comfortable bedrooms, good food and very friendly staff. The accommodation was booked and all the weekend events organised for us by Anne and Richard Sykes and Sandie and Peter Milburn, and they did a wonderful job, and put in a tremendous amount of work and we all expressed our grateful thanks.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October we all met up at the Tissington Trail car park. The total weekend party was 23, but 19 of us walked on the first day. There was an organised run also routed along our path, plus many cyclists, so it was busy at first. This was a figure of eight route, so we had our lunch break back at the car park, with its handy tea bar and toilets. After the other loop, we had completed about 6 ½ miles and then drove to our welcoming hotel.

Monday was the main walking day of the weekend, and after a grey start was a glorious day. We drove to Chatsworth Park, and Debbie Mason and Lesley Ivison spent a brilliant day at Chatsworth House, where there was a wonderful costumes through the ages exhibition. We had quite a steep climb out of the valley, then along the ridge, to the Hunting Tower, where we had our lunch, looking down on the immaculate parkland. Then the descent to the house, and some of our party wandered back along the river bank and the rest of us climbed up through pretty Edensor village, with extensive views across to the Emperor fountain and cascade in Chatsworth gardens. This was an absolutely stunning day in every way, and we were so lucky to enjoy the warm autumn sunshine.

On the last day it was very damp and grey at first, but I am delighted to say that no one dropped out to head home early, so 21 of us started our stroll from the lovely village of Ashford-in-the-Water, and by the time we reached Monsal Head the sun was shining, and anyone who knows that area can imagine the glorious views. The return by the River Wye was very muddy, and we had 1 faller, who as usual jumped to her feet very quickly. The end section included a tricky scramble across a stream, but all arrived back safely. Then it was time to bid our sad farewells to Derbyshire.

This was a most successful, happy weekend, helped partly by the excellent weather, but mainly by our brilliant leaders. At our AGM we decided we would love to return next year, and plans are already afoot. We decided that our traditional party will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January in our church hall as usual. I am very pleased to say that I have volunteer leaders for every Saturday walk in 2018. We all look forward to another successful year, and a weekend full of fun and laughter. Please next time can George Coward not get completely stuck in his chair, Chris Porteous not pinch Lesley Ivison's dessert because he couldn't remember what he had ordered, and Phil Jones not be so hot with his crossword answers on the first night that he has a brain meltdown for the rest of our stay.

CELIA JONES



## UPTON AMBLERS

At the end of July, Richard and Anne Sykes led us on a beautiful route, starting from near to Wilmslow. This was a last minute replacement walk as their first choice route at Whitchurch would have been very difficult for parking on that particular weekend. We had a group of 17 walkers, including 5 friends from Bramhall. We walked to Styal Mill and Park, and through lovely Styal Woods, to arrive at our lunch spot, on the bank overlooking the runway at the Airport. We spent quite a time there as we had such a thrilling view. Then the return was in the pretty Bollin River valley, up and down many steps, and eventually visiting Styal village, with its restored workers cottages and immaculate gardens. Then back to Styal Mill, and ice creams. This was an excellent walk with lots of interest for all.

Jean and George Coward were the leaders in August, and as usual there were many members away on holiday, so they had a small select group of 7 people and 1 dog. The route started from the front at Abergele, and the morning was a bit damp, so they sheltered in a barn for their coffee stop. However by lunchtime the weather was improving. There were some quite steepish climbs on the route and some troublesome stiles, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were rewarded for their effort by a lovely return along by the sea and also some delicious fresh plums from Robin's garden.

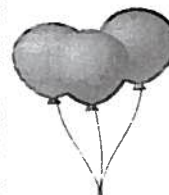
The week of our September walk had been extremely stormy so we were lucky to have a dry day with lots of sunshine for Christine Walsh's walk on the Sandstone Trail. We started from Copper Mine Lane, and completed a 7½ mile undulating route, including Bulkeley Hill, Larkton Hill, Brown Knowl and Harthill. The views of the Cheshire Plain were excellent, with many landmarks to spot. Another bonus was picking delicious wild damsons, 11 of us had a very enjoyable and satisfying day with no wet boots or cagouls.

Wednesday walks in this period have been to Parkgate, Gresford and Farndon.

CELIA JONES

## NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY (continued)

Mon	20	For those who need to use the Food Banks
Tues	21	For the Friendship Group.
Wed	22	For the Baby and Toddlers Group.
Thurs	23	For the members of Food 'n Fun.
Fri	24	For those who are thinking of training for ministry.
Sat	25	For all the fun with the angels at the Christmas Fair.
Sun	26	For those who cannot attend church because of work commitments.
Mon	27	For those who benefit from the Kimbuta Rural Development Project.
Tues	28	For the work done by Saving the Family.
Wed	29	For those who keep fit in the hall.
Thurs	30	For the street pastors who work at night in the city.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

to

**OWEN WEBSTER**

**DAISY MARCH**

Who celebrate their birthdays in November

## CHRISTMAS 2017

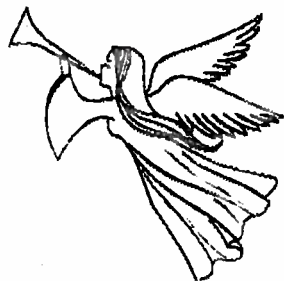
### A FESTIVAL OF ANGELS (including Christmas Fayre)

25 November 2017  
10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Please donate any of the following items to help contribute to the success of our event -

**Tombola** – new gift items such as toiletries, toys stationary, accessories, chocolate, bottles etc, etc.

**Home Produce** – cakes, bread, biscuits, scones, jam, marmalade etc.



**Luxury items for the Raffle**

Please leave your donations in the box provided in the church lounge by 20 November.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
SUCCESS OF OUR EVENT

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The ladies from WD 40's will be running the cake stall at this year's Christmas Fayre.

Donations of cakes, preserves, etc, will be gratefully received either on the Friday evening or on Saturday morning

