



Wyld Green United Reformed Church

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Making the love of Jesus a reality in the community seven days a week.
Reaching out, welcoming in.

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Dear Friends

This month will be dominated with two events that will put us on the map - firstly, the Great Big Green Week which will really establish our green credentials and let all of Boldmere know that we are doing Our Bit to try to raise awareness of the seriousness of the Global Climate Emergency.

We have also burnished our credentials with our first successful chicken rescue with another one already booked in October. We're going to be featured in the British Hen Welfare Trust's national magazine as the first church which is a host. I'm hoping Church House will pick it up for Reform. Here is Naomi with a hen she helped rescue.....a picture that could rescue 1000 hens....



The second thing this month is that we are hosting our first West Midlands Synod for many years. The sad fact is there are now only a few churches in the synod that have enough people and are large enough to be able to host it. We are in that fortunate position - and I am keen that the whole synod knows some of the awesome stuff we are doing. It may also help them to see we are a church with a bright future that needs investing in.

Of course, we also need to invest in ourselves. I know that we are only as awesome as we are now because of your generosity. But it's an inescapable fact that we are still in the red after covid (and as such we can't do many of the things we'd like to do and may even need to cut back on things) and much of what we do is done with a small group of volunteers.

So, as we get back to whatever normal begins to look like, please consider how you can help to build the most awesome church in Boldmere. As you already know, we're worth it!

Rev Chris

FAMILY NEWS

We were saddened to hear of the death on Sunday 19th September of Steve Harris, brother to Julie Duffy and Michael Harris. Our love and prayers go to Julie and Mike and to Steve's family.

We are sorry to hear that June Lyne has shingles and also has had a fall. Our love and prayers go to her with wishes for a swift recovery.

We send love and best wishes to Rhiannon, Llewellyn, Eleri and Seren Fenton-May on their move to Cardiff. We shall miss them.

We send good wishes to Sue Miles following her eye operation.

Pat Lister has had a fall and injured her back and we hope she is feeling much better soon. We send her our love.

Michael Harris has moved. His new address is 38 Kingsmere Close, Erdington, Birmingham, B24 8QL.

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THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We particularly pray for Steve Harris' family, Julie Duffy, Michael Harris, June Lyne, Sue Miles and Pat Lister.

We continue to pray for Pam & Bernard Dicken, Beryl Haynes, Wendy Platt, Evelyn Hammett, Audrey Goaley, Sylvia Gray, Su Bailey, Jean & Ray Brierley, Meriel Pardoe, Lloyd & Celia McGuire, Val Dinning, John Cresswell, Anne & John Turney, Val White, Betty Howes, Ron & Joan Close and Hugh Cunningham's daughter, Sue.

A prayer for the environment

Dear Lord. Give us wisdom and courage to find new ways of living. Empower our children who are striking for the climate. Shield all who work for a healthy environment, particularly indigenous earth-protectors. Gift COP26 with robust and workable solutions to mitigate the very worst effects of climate disruption. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

to those who have
their special day in

October

Anya

Nigel

Julie D

Sue J

Lisa

Charlie W

Catriona

Henley

Phil Ba

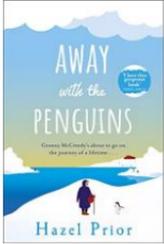
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NOTICES

A reminder that elders nomination forms should be returned to Alex Wheadon by Monday 4th October, please.

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The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Tuesday 12th October at 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Church lounge. The book is 'Away with the Penguins' by Hazel Prior.

Ruth Loutit

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HEDGHOG RESCUE

If anyone is interested in helping at the hedgehog rescue centre in Four Oaks, please contact Sue Hughes on 0121 686 9753.

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CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP

I am hoping to start a children's singing group for school aged children. Practices would be at church on Friday evenings at 6.30pm. If you would like your child to join the singing group or would just like further information, please contact me on my mobile number 0779 621 3746 or by e-mail kathrynwillis@blueyonder.co.uk.

Kathryn Willis

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THE WELCOME IS WARM

As the summer turns to autumn and the weather becomes cooler, those who attend services at church may want to wrap up a little warmer. This is because the church doors and those leading down the ramp towards Britwell Hall have to remain open to create a through draught. This will remain so for the foreseeable future.

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CLOCKS GO BACK

Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour on 30th October.



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Memory Cafes

Do you know someone living with memory loss?

Every Monday
10am—12noon
Wylde Green URC
Britwell Road
B73 5SW

Join us at one of our memory cafes, a safe place where people living with dementia, along with their family member/friend/carer can meet, make friends, have fun, interact and be stimulated.

All attendees must show proof of both covid vaccinations

Every Monday
"Musical memories"
2-4pm
 Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church
 South Parade
 B72 1QY

Every Tuesday
10.30am - 12.30pm
 All Saints Church Centre
 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks,
 B74 4TR

Every Thursday
10am - 12noon
 Streetly Methodist Church
 Thornhill Road
 B74 3EH

All Start dates are dependent on the Governments guidelines

To book your place at any of our cafes or for further information please contact Sue
07422 406168
sue.bevington@suttoncoldfield.homeinstead.co.uk

Home Instead
 2nd floor,
 Plantsbrook House
 94 The Parade,
 Sutton Coldfield
 B72 1PH
 0121 323 4200

CHURCH CLEANER VACANCY**6 paid hours per week**

The closing date for applications for the post of Church Cleaner is Friday 8th October. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact Mark Willis on markwillis@blueyonder.co.uk.

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CHURCH CHOIR RETURNS

Those who were at the service on Sunday 26th September will have seen members of our choir in their usual seats on the dais. The choir is resuming its Friday 8.00pm practices and will be singing anthems in at least 2 services each month. They will also sing at special services such as Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas when gowns will be worn. Generally though, the choir will be a little less formal than before. If you would like to come along to a rehearsal and see what it's all about, then please speak to Stephen (0797 435 6834) or anyone in the choir.

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MINT THEATRE COMPANY

The latest video on Mint Theatre's YouTube channel is Pingdemic!, an original sketch written by Liz Daly. Find out what happens when an am-dram company's actors are contacted one by one during rehearsal by Test and Trace.

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SERVICE IN NOVEMBER

7th	11.00am	Family service led by Sue Jones Bible: Mark Miles Door: Joan Cox, Andrew Hughes
	5.30pm	Phone-in service with Rev Chris Dowd

PET SERVICE SUNDAY 15th AUGUST 2021

The pet service held in August was attended by several members of our congregation and members of the local community - along with a selection of dogs and stick insects!

The congregation had their pets prayed with and many had precious past pets in their hearts during this very moving service.

Photos: Elaine Siggers



Next pet service: August 2022

THE (CARDBOARD) WALLS OF JERICHO



Thanks to everyone who donated cardboard boxes for use by junior church to make the walls of Jericho. There were enough boxes to make a decent sized walled city complete with a turret at each corner.

The Fall of Jericho, as told in Joshua chapter 6, was the theme of the first day back in junior church on 5th September. The children all met together for the story then went into Britwell Hall to act it out.



After a quick recap about how many times the soldiers went round Jericho, the children marched round the 'city' six times in silence, with Oliver and Hannah carrying the 'ark' and ably accompanied by Edward making the sound of a trumpet. On the seventh time, Edward gave a long note, the children gave a loud shout and the walls came tumbling down.

Photos: Joan Winterbottom



Once the walls had come down, they were flattened and taken away for recycling!

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- 3rd 11.00am Family service led by Su Bailey
 Bible: Tony Hughes
 Door: Mark Miles
 Flowers: Janet Vaughan
- 10th 11.00am Harvest Festival and Parade Service led by Rev Chris Dowd
 Bible: Sue Jones
 Door: Sue Miles, Alastair Frew
 Flowers: Harvest
- 3.00pm Service led by Rev Chris Dowd followed by afternoon tea
 Bible: Jacqui Goring
 Door: Ed Lyne, Phil Barker
- 17th 11.00am Family service led by Rev Chris Dowd with Communion
 Bible: Pat Lister
 Door: Alex Wheadon, Jason Gardner
 Flowers: Walter Arthur
- 3.00pm Open Table service led by Rev Chris Dowd
- 24th 11.00am Family service led by Rev Chris Dowd
 Bible: Ed Lyne
 Door: Kathryn Willis, Jacqui Goring
 Flowers: Caroline Smythe
- 4.00pm Messy church
- 31st 11.00am Family service led by Alastair Frew
 Bible: Bev Lyne
 Door: Phil Barker, Heather Hall
 Flowers: Sue Jones
- 6.00pm All Souls service led by Rev Chris Dowd (church field)

There is a phone-in service at 5.30pm every Sunday with Rev Chris Dowd

EVENTS AT WYLDE GREEN IN OCTOBER

Saturday	2nd	11.00am-3.00pm	Great Big Green Day
Monday	4th	8.00pm	Fabric Committee (church lounge)
Tuesday	5th	7.00pm	Short Elders' meeting (on zoom)
Wednesday	6th	12.30pm	Prayer lunch
Monday	11th	7.00pm	Fish 'n' chips supper (in church)
Tuesday	12th	2.00pm	Film
		8.15pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday	13th	12.30pm	Prayer lunch
		8.00pm	Elders' meeting (in church)
Saturday	16th	WGURC	host the West Midlands Synod meeting
Wednesday	20th	12.30pm	Prayer lunch
Friday	22nd	7.00pm	Pie and peas harvest supper

Articles for November Tidings to the editor by Sunday 24 October, please

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Rev Chris will be on leave from 25-30 October. For any pastoral matters in his absence, please contact Alex Wheadon.

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WYLDE GREEN EVENTS ON ZOOM

Morning prayers

9.00am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Evening prayers

8.00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Bible study

9.30am and 7.00pm Thursdays

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October Tidings was distributed by Mrs Bev Lyne