



KINDLE

Newsletter of the Romford United Reformed Churches at Western Road and Heaton Way

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Elders' Letter

Welcome to the next edition of Kindle and here is the Elders letter. I have been able to use some of my spare time reading more than usual. Someone had left 'The Secret Network of Nature 'on the church books stall. Fiona had brought it home and she delivered it to me. (Amazon seems to be doing very well recently, for all sorts of things) So I have enjoyed this book the blurb says Did you know that trees can influence the rotation of the earth? Or that wolves can alter the course of the river? Or that earthworms control wild boar population?

While I have always known about the life cycle of the frog and the butterfly all the information in this book was completely new to me. So, when I had to kill off an ants nest in my shed the other week, I had no idea how that would affect the next stage of development. I think there are probably enough left.

The URC Daily readings recently started at the beginning of the Bible with the creation. So, God created the world and all that lives on it. It is amazing that the whole cycle of living things was so carefully planned and inter-dependent of the next action! And despite what mankind does to the space around them there is always a way forward to sustain this earth of ours.

I will put it back on the bookstall so you could pick it up and browse through it.

In the meantime, enjoy the sunny days and your gardens.

Gill



Until the church reopens, we will be having weekly Zoom Sunday services led by Ruth, Fiona, Graham, Pat and Jill Hunt.

I have spoken to Alison last week and she is saying that it now seems most likely that she will move in the middle of August and be ready to start her ministry with us for the beginning of September. It will not matter about the induction as she is already ordained. It will good to have her with us. I sent her the Annual General Reports and her response was 'wow'. At least she will have an up-to -date picture of how we are.

The Elders have held the first of our Zoom Meetings when we were considering the paper that the URC have produced about the return to worship and matters to consider.

We have agreed that our return to worship in church will be on September 6th. We made that decision based on the numbers of our congregation that are over 70 and may have underlying

health problems. We want people to feel confident about the return. Several measures will be in place like social distancing, no tea or coffee or may be paper cups. no collected offering but a plate by the door, no hymn books only power point and may be just hymns on CDs for us to move along with

Communion will be there but delivered to you differently. Entry to church may have to be on a one-way system.

Our other consideration was that Revd Alison Davis will be with us by them so we will all begin together.

Unless you hear otherwise through Kindle or written word this is what will happen.

Church Meeting will need to happen in September but matters that concern the organisation of the church will be through Kindle following the regular meeting on Zoom for the Elders

Playgroup look set to beginning again in June. How many children she will be having in we do not yet know. I am sure that they will follow all the guidelines issued by the Pre-school Playgroup Organisation. As the building is not being used by any other organisation or lettings yet it should be easy to organise.

All other organisations will wait until September. There will not be any lettings for the time being.

Beryl's funeral was held at the Upminster Crematorium. On the 7th May Ruth took the service, there were nine members suitably spaced out to join in our farewell service .It was a lovely day ,the sun was shining and we had made the flowers for her coffin mainly with flowers from her garden. It was very pretty.

Betty celebrated her 90th Birthday recently. She had dressed up and was cooking a special lunch for her and Tom. I delivered flowers from the congregation and I gather that lots of cards had arrived. Tom had organised the neighbours to stand on their drives and sing Happy Birthday to her. Such fun.

We pray that you continue to be well. We know that there will be difficulties for some of us to remain positive, but we will manage. if you need extra prayer for this difficult time please let me or your Elder know. When I spoke to Jacqueline on the phone, we said it was hard to remember what day it was, she sent me the following which is pinned up in front of my computer!

Until further notice the days of the week are now called thisday, thatday, theotherday, someday, yesterday, today and thenextday.

I hope this helps.

The variety of worship we are enjoying does help to start the next week properly!

Blessings, ***Gill***

We do not have as many items for Kindle as in previous months, let us see if we can have a bumper edition next month. Please let me have any news, views, articles or prayers that you think would be interesting to our readers.

Editor

At a church festival an old lady was asked to read the 23rd Psalm. Unknown to her a famous actor was also asked to recite. No one knew what he would do. In fact, he too, recited the 23rd Psalm. After the service when they met, he said to the old lady “, There was a difference you know, because it was perfectly obvious that whilst I know the psalm- you know the shepherd “.

Darren Cox has written a poem

Covid 19

This pandemic has hit us hard,
Could not have read this on a card.
It's knocked us back by years I'm sure,
The pubs they may now be no more,
The Micro pub this is now shut
Now that puts us all in a Rut!!

God help us please to all pull through
My love I send to one and all
Stronger and more humble we all shall be.

The fight goes on,
The war's not lost,
Unfortunately, at such a very high cost.
God bless the doctors
And the nurses too
But let's not forget
God bless you!

Hang on in there my great dear friends,
Normal life is round the bend.
So, hang on now
Don't give in
In the future
We will win.



Romford URC Lockdown Quiz.

This is a challenge for you, not 100 times round your garden, but 70 questions to exercise your brain. You should receive it with this Kindle- copy it for others if you wish. All entries to be received by June 24th with a donation to BLESMA (Min £2). There is a prize for an all-correct entry- If more than one, they will go into a draw for the winner. There will also be a draw for a consolation prize, so do send your entry in even if incomplete. Contact details are on the end of the Quiz. Do hope you enjoy doing this. Best wishes & Good Luck from Olive.

ROMFORD URC LOCKDOWN QUIZ

Parts of body

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| 1. Two beautiful flowers..... | 2. Graceful animal..... |
| 3. Two tall trees..... | 4. Two places of worship..... |
| 5. Steps of hotel..... | 6. Two weathercocks..... |
| 7. A method of voting..... | 8. The top of the hill..... |
| 9. What to avoid..... | 10. Instruments of torture..... |

London Underground

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| 11. Directional bird house..... | 12. Executioner's road..... |
| 13. Royal funeral..... | 14. Angry goose..... |
| 15. Hard timber..... | 16. County road..... |
| 17. Arsoned tree..... | 18. Most shops do this..... |
| 19. Havering is a..... | 20. Australian state..... |

Gardens

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| 21. Drimalgo (Anagram)..... | 22. For winemakers..... |
| 23. Saints Sept. flower..... | 24. Has special shaped vase..... |
| 25. Who were Bill & Ben?..... | 26. Rustecase (Anagram)..... |
| 27 Veg. to 'shuck'..... | 28. which fruit has a hull..... |
| 29. An island & salad item | 30. Wasteepe (anagram 5/3) |

PROVERBS e.g. l.s.d.l = let sleeping dogs lie

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| 31. L.B.A.F..... | 32. I.I.A.L.L.T.H.N.T..... |
| 33. Y.A.O.A.O.A.Y.F..... | 34. N.T.O.T.L..... |
| 35. A.Y.S.S.Y.R..... | 36. D.I.T.B.P.O.V..... |
| 37. F.F.M.F.B..... | 38. W.Y.S.I.W.Y.G..... |
| 39. P.G.B A. F..... | 40. G.H.E.R.A.H.W.H.H..... |

Nines – in question or answer\|

- 41.Orwell’s novel..... 42. Who wore size 19 shoes.....
43. The last hole..... 44. Doggy.....
45.Teutonic refusal..... 46.Kind of skittles.....
47. Italian mountains..... 48. More often than not.....
49.Emergency number..... 50. 9 tenths of the law.....

What happened?

51. 6th June 1944..... 52. 31st Aug. 1889 in France.....
53.6th Sept. 1997 (London)..... 54. 2nd June 1953.....

Which year?

55. Penguin books on sale..... 56. First Univ. Challenge broadcast.....
57. Birds Eye fish fingers sold..... 58.1st under 4-minute mile.....
59.1st James Bond film..... 60. England win World Cup.....

Musicals.

61. Wandering monarch..... 62. Music from Sahara.....
63. Japanese royalty..... 64. In Cadbury’s Army?.....
65. A vast ocean 66.Girl from the Alps.....
67.Fate..... 68.From Venice?.....
69.Pinkish violet era..... 70.Grind food, lower jaw, dog.....

All entries to be received by June 24th at 292 Mawney Rd, Romford, RM7 8DL together with donation (Min. £2) cheque or cash - for BLESMA. Thank you.

Name..... Tel. No.....
Address.....

If more than one all correct entry there will be a draw for the prize. Please see details in July Kindle.

These prayers were read by members of FIG and JFC during a recent service.

Dear God,

We give thanks for the technology that allows teachers and schools to support children to be able to work at home at this time.

We give thanks that our isolation has unexpected benefits, for me, this means a neat bedroom and more space in my wardrobe. For my family, time spent together that we wouldn't otherwise have and the opportunity to join with our neighbours to show our support in the Clap for Carers.

We give thanks for the NHS, the emergency services and other key workers who put the needs of others first.

We thank you for being with us through this fight and keeping us safe.

Amen

Prayer by Alexander

Dear God,

Thank you for our Family & Friends

Thank you for our safety during this troubled time and thank you for our food and our homes to stay in when some have nowhere to go.

Prayer by Erin

Dear God,

Thank you for always being there and for bringing us hope through these tough times, that we are currently living in. Please help those who are alone, in isolation or ill. Please let them know you are with them and comfort them if they are afraid.

Thank you for our extraordinary NHS staff and other essential key workers who are selflessly putting themselves at risk in order to help people and keep them safe.

We thank you for technology so we are able to stay connected to family and friends during this lockdown period and that students can continue to learn.

Thank you for bringing communities together. For neighbours becoming more neighbourly and that people are in general more alert to the needs and vulnerability of those who lonely and house bound.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Amen.

Prayer by Leona

Dear God,

Be with our family from the youngest to the oldest,

Lighting up our lives and being able to maintain good relationships

Be with us in times of struggles

God be with us as we look forward to the future to enjoy and celebrate happy occasions together

Be with us when there is need for comfort

God be with our family and church family Weaving love into our work Our rest and our play

Amen.

Prayer by Eloise, David & Olivia

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