

February 2024

URC Longton

What's happening at our church



Text for the month

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

Romans 1:16(NIV)

AGM

Monday 25th March will be followed by a short meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the introduction of an accessible mid-week service and for agreeing plans and quotes regarding the reordering of the toilets to include an accessible toilet.

Foodbank

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and everyone within the church for your continued support with our foodbank. This week we have just celebrated our 2-year anniversary, how time flies. In this time, we have helped to feed 854 families at our group alone some weeks we get just a few guests other times more, we never know who is going to walk through that door. Hopefully we welcome them and help them to overcome the stress of having to come to a foodbank. Thanks again to everyone involved in any way.

Mary & Philippa

North Staffs Christian Aid Sponsored Walk

The Christian Aid sponsored walk will be held at Tittesworth Water (3 miles north of Leek off the A53) on Saturday 16th March 2024. Registration from 9:15am; Walk starts at 10:00am.

As a church we will be walking at Longton Park. We will meet at 9:45am and start our walk at 10:00am. Please let Philippa know if you would like to join us at the park or if you choose to join the walk at Tittesworth.

Please sign the sponsor form on the noticeboard at the church if you are able to sponsor us.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday 31st March 9:00am at the church. Cost £4.50, money to be paid to Linda Ernest.

UR WELCOME



at the Church near the Park



For all the family – children must bring an adult!

Last Thursday of every month

4 'til 5.30pm

Starts 25th April

URC Church, Trentham Road, ST3 4AY

(opposite Longton Park)

All very welcome – no charge

To book your place contact Linda: 07759 942977

Are you able to help on an occasional Thursday?

Contact Kath or Denise to volunteer

Services of Worship

*Dates for your
diary*

March	Service details	Led by
3rd	10.45: All-age Worship	Worship Team
10th	10.45: Sunday Worship; Messy Church in the Main Hall	Rev John Hall
17th	10.45: Sunday Worship	Rev Philip Parsons
24th	10.45: All-age Worship (Palm Sunday)	Rev Karen Jones
28th	7.30 pm Maundy Thursday; includes Holy Communion	Clive Parsons
29th	7.30 pm Good Friday	Rev Karen Jones
31st	10.45: Easter Sunday All-Age Worship with Holy Communion	Worship Team

Service Rota

March	Duty Elder	Greeters	Reader	Hymnal	Communion	Tea & Coffee
3rd	Kath C	Mary & Tracy		Clive		Joyce & Tony
10th	Sonja	Linda E & Linda R	Tracy	Colin		Maureen & Kath W
17th	Colin	Sonja & Eileen	Mary	Vic		Janet & Pat
24th	Mary	Denise & Colin	Eileen	Clive		Joyce & Tony
28th				Colin		
29th				Vic		
31st	Marion			Clive	Mary & Sonja	Denise & Colin

CHURCH CALENDAR 2024

*Dates for your
diary*

March

- 1st** World Day of Prayer, Longton Elim Church 1:45pm
- 3rd** Sunday Fellowship Lent Course 5pm
- 5th** Bible Study 2pm
- 8th** Worship Team meets 12:30pm
- 9th** Afternoon Tea with Bingo
- 10th** Sunday Fellowship Lent Course 5pm
- 11th** Wives Group 7:30pm
- 16th** Christian Aid Sponsored Walk (Longton Park) 10am
- 17th** Sunday Fellowship Lent Course 5pm
- 18th** Meeting - Ashley Evans from LYCIG (Leading Your Church into Growth) 7pm
- 24th** Sunday Fellowship Lent Course 5pm
- 25th** Annual General Meeting 7pm
- 28th** Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 7:30pm
- 29th** Good Friday Service 7:30pm
- 31st** Easter Breakfast 9am
Sunrise Service at Tomkin 6:30am

April

- 2nd** Bible Study 2pm
- 8th** Wives Group 7:30pm
- 25th** Midweek Messy Church 4pm-5:30pm
- 29th** Elders Meeting 7pm

May

- 7th** Bible Study 2pm
- 12th** Festival Sunday
- 13th** Wives Group 7:30pm
- 18th** Abba Concert by the Choir
- 30th** Midweek Messy Church 4pm-5:30pm

September

- 15th** Harvest Festival 3pm followed by Harvest Tea (NO Morning Service)

Further details available nearer the time but please put the dates in your diary.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God,
from love we are made
and to love we shall return.
May our love for one another
kindle flames of joy and hope.
May the light and warmth of your grace
inspire us to follow the Way of Jesus Christ,
and serve you in your Kingdom,
now and for ever.

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If you have articles or news you wish to share with the church family, please contact me before **28th March 2024** and I will include them in the monthly “What’s Happening at our Church”

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