



Fairland News

October/November 2018



Fairland United Reformed Church
Wymondham

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Bookings for Mrs Jill Brown
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Fairland Church Centre

Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 am
On the first Sunday of the month, the Service includes **Holy Communion**

The following letter is written by Rev John Potter:

Dear friends

October is going to be a month when we will be reminded of our wider connections as a church. The highlight will be on Sunday 14th October at Ipswich Rd when, if all goes to plan, some visitors from Zimbabwe will be taking part in leading worship for most of the churches in the Norwich group.

At the time of writing we are still uncertain of precise details, as there have been some complications with visas. But we will keep you in touch with what promises to be an exciting and uplifting time of worship together with a truly international feel, so please do all you can to come and be part of this.

The reason for us being hosts to the people travelling all the way from Zimbabwe, is that our Synod is partnered with Zimbabwe Presbytery of UPCSA and, three churches in the Synod are twinned with a churches in Zimbabwe - something worth thinking about for us?

Which brings me to the fact that there is a meeting of Synod in October (Saturday 13th at Witham URC). These happen twice each year and, yes they are meetings with some important business matters to be dealt with, but they are really good get-togethers too – they give you a sense that our church is connected into something much bigger and you get to meet sisters and brothers in Christ from across the entire region. There is always a sense of energy about these meetings – and this happens even more so when representatives from across the entire denomination meet at General Assembly. It is really encouraging and inspiring to know that we are connected together in these ways.

Another part of being part of this network called the United Reformed Church is the way that we support each other financially. All the local churches in the URC give freely into a central fund that enables our entire denomination to function. This way, those able to give more help out those who are struggling and, by so doing, we

can all thrive to share the Good News of the Gospel. As with everything financial, costs continue to rise, as does the request to pay into the Mission and Ministry Fund. All of you give so generously, but if you are able to review, and maybe slightly increase your regular giving, that will be of a great help – its one way of actively supporting our sense of being together with fellow Christians.

If you'd like to attend a Synod meeting sometime please just get in touch, anyone can go – and please put Sunday the 14th in your diary for our group service with an international flavour.

John



**A time to
remember
and give thanks**



**Friday 2nd November
7.30pm
Princes Street URC**

A service for All Souls Day to remember your loved ones who have passed away.

With prayers, readings and a time to reflect and light a candle in their memory.

Led by Revd John Potter

Communion Collection

The Communion Collections in September and October will be sent to the charity Make a Wish. The following information is from their website.



‘Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Whether it's starring in their own films, walking with dinosaurs, going on an amazing holiday, meeting a celebrity hero, or having a bedroom makeover; our wishes are varied, personal and life-changing. We go above and beyond to grant amazing wishes to very amazing children; their One True Wish made a reality at a time when they need it most. Because a child's life shouldn't be about illness, hospitals and diagnosis - it should be about wonder, joy and hope.

We've seen the effects a wish can have on a seriously ill child: from creating incredible memories, building confidence and bringing happiness, to providing respite from the daily struggles that come with a critical illness. We know what wishes can give, and this is the driving force behind why we continue to do what we do.

Our story started in 1986. Inspired by the story of Chris Greicius, a young boy fighting leukaemia in the US, Make-A-Wish UK was formed to grant life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses in the UK. We worked from offices above a shop in the town of Camberley, Surrey, and relied on the generous support of local volunteers to help us grant wishes. We granted four wishes in our first year. As word spread about our work, more and more people began coming forward to volunteer their time. In our second year, we granted 13 wishes. We took on our first full-time member of staff in 1989. And by the end of our fourth year, with the support of a growing team of passionate volunteers, we'd granted 100 magical wishes

Volunteers are still at the heart of our organisation – their kind support has helped us grant more than 12,000 life-changing wishes to date. But we need your help to keep granting more.’

www.make-a-wish.org.uk

Flower Rota

7 October	Juliet Harwood
14 October	United Service at Ipswich Rd URC
21 October	Sheila Eaglen
28 October	Jill Buckenham
4 November	Ann Scott
11 November	Roz Ross
18 November	Evelyn Thompson
25 November	Ruth Dunning

The following note has been received from Ann Curtis:

Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement. It looked so nice on my lounge sideboard and brightened up my day.

Ann



Our Worship Group led the service celebrating Harvest time and we enjoyed a delicious Bring and Share lunch afterwards. Thanks go to everyone who decorated the windowsills, brought along items for the Foodbank and donated money for the Vidiyal Trust, which amounted to £105.

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This year we combined our Monthly Coffee Morning with our Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £112. Thank you to all those who supported this event.



Freewill Offertory Envelopes 2019

Next year's envelopes will be available for collection in early December from the table at the back of the church. If you would like to join this scheme, which is completely confidential, all that is required is a regular commitment to put your weekly collection in the special envelopes provided, whether you are able to attend church or not.

It is of great help to the church to know that a regular sum of money can be relied upon as income each week. Please see Netta Darkins for your envelopes if you would like to join this scheme.



Autumn Fair

Saturday 17th November 2018

10am to 12noon

Fairland Hall



★ Items needed please for the stalls at our Autumn Fair!



★ We will be selling cakes and pies, plants, groceries, bric-a-

★ brac, books, gifts and toiletries. There will also be a raffle,

★ tombola, games - and delicious refreshments will be served

★ all morning.



★ If you can help with the setting up at 2pm on Friday 16th

★ and/or look after a stall, please see Elizabeth.



★ Note this date in your diaries and bring along your friends

★ and neighbours if you can!



Remembrance 2018

On 4 August 1918 King George V, the Queen's grandfather, met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament as part of a National Day of Prayer. One hundred days later, the war ended. 11 November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War I. A number of churches and Christian organisations have partnered in compiling 100 thoughts and prayers for peace, together with ideas to promote peace and reconciliation, to encourage churches, schools and communities to reflect on the past and bring hope for the future.



The following thoughts were written by Simeon Mitchell, Secretary for Church and Society for the United Reformed Church.

‘Justice will rule in the wilderness and righteousness in the fertile field. And this righteousness will bring peace. Isaiah 32:16-17

When civil rights leader Martin Luther King was accused of ‘disturbing the peace’ by supporting Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, he responded, ‘True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.’ Later, he added, ‘Without justice, there can be no peace.’ His words find echoes in the wisdom of Isaiah. For society to flourish and be fruitful, peace needs to be built on a foundation of justice and righteousness. Injustice is often a root cause of conflict, both in local communities and between nations. Only by listening to the experiences of the marginalised, and addressing injustices such as discrimination and poverty, will we be able to build a truly peaceful world.’

‘Let us remember those who have died for their country in war; those we knew, and all who have given their lives for freedom, justice and the hope of peace. As we look forward and seek the way of peace and reconciliation, you might like to say this prayer:

Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.’

Information taken from website of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland www.ctbi.org.uk and www.remembrance100.org.uk

Remembrance Sunday Service

11th November 2018

As this year's Remembrance Sunday falls on the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War, there will be a United Service at Wymondham's War Memorial at 11am.

All Wymondham Churches have been invited to attend so it has been agreed that our own service at Fairland, led by Rev John Potter, will begin at the earlier time of 10am.

At approximately 10.35am those who wish to join in the service at the War Memorial, including Rev John Potter, will make their own way there in time for the start of that service. In the meantime, the televised service from London's Cenotaph will be shown on the screen in our church.

Coffee will be served at the Methodist Church - and in our church for those who have remained at Fairland.



Here are the details of the next two 'Fairland Flicks' presentations in our Church Centre:



Wednesday 10th October at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

“Wonder”

Starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay

Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.



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*** Please note new times during Winter ***

Wednesday 14th November at 1pm for 1.30pm

‘The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society’

In 1946 a London-based writer begins exchanging letters with residents on the island of Guernsey, which was German-occupied during WWII. Feeling compelled to visit the island, she starts to get a picture of what it was like during the occupation.



Refreshments served during the intervals

October/November/December 2018

7 October	Mr Keir Hounsome (includes Holy Communion led by Mrs Carole Shildrake) Traidcraft goods on sale.
14 October	9.45am Joint Service at Ipswich Road URC (followed by Bring & Share Lunch)
21 October	Rev Martin Camroux
28 October	Mr Kevin Parfitt
4 November	Mr Robert Ogden (includes Holy Communion)
11 November	(10am start) Rev John Potter (see p9 for details)
18 November	Rev Robin Pagan (followed by Church Meeting)
25 November	Rev Peter Paine
2 December	Rev John Potter (includes Holy Communion)

Communion Collections for November and December



Our chosen charity for these months is SERV (Service By Emergency Response Volunteers) aka **Norfolk Blood Bikes**.

SERV Norfolk is a registered charity run by local volunteers that transports blood, plasma, platelets, samples, vaccines, donor breast milk & any other urgently required medical items to hospitals - at night, daytime weekends and bank holidays. This service is provided completely free of charge, allowing the NHS to divert funds where they are needed most.

SERV Norfolk covers the county of Norfolk and is run by dedicated volunteers who receive no financial compensation for their time or costs.

Please support this charity with your donations in November and December.

www.servnorfolk.org.uk

Items for inclusion in **December/January** newsletter (to be available on 25 November) should be given to Ann Scott **by 19 November please**.

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

October

1 October (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
3 October (10am)	‘Walking The Way’ (Church Lounge)
5 October (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
8 October (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
10 October (1.30 for 2)	Fairland Flicks ‘Wonder’
11 October (2.30)	Elders’ Meeting (Church Lounge)
12 October (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
15 October (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
16 October (1.30 for 2)	Pabulum Picture Palace
17 October (10am)	‘Walking The Way’ (Church Lounge)
19 October (10-12)	Singing Café (Church Centre)
22 October (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
26 October (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
29 October (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
31 October (10-12)	Monthly Coffee Morning (Church Centre)

November

2 November (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
2 November (7.30pm)	All Souls Day Service (Princes St URC) [see p4]
5 November (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
7 November (10-12)	‘Walking The Way’ (Church Lounge)
9 November (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
11 November	Remembrance Sunday [see p9]
12 November (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
14 November (1 for 1.30)	Fairland Flicks ‘The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society’
16 November (10-1.30)	Singing Café (Church Centre)
16 November (2pm)	Preparations for Autumn Fair (Fairland Hall)
17 November (10-12)	Autumn Fair (Fairland Hall)
19 November (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
20 November (1 for 1.30)	Pabulum Picture Palace
21 November (10-12)	‘Walking The Way’ (Church Lounge)
23 November (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
26 November (10-12)	‘Monday Monday’ Café (Church Centre)
28 November (10-12)	Monthly Coffee Morning (10-12)
30 November (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)