



SOLIHULL

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Serving Central Solihull, Olton and Hobs Moat
Communities

February 2020 Newsletter

*By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you
return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust
you are and to dust you will return.*

Genesis 3:19



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Based in the town centre, Solihull URC seeks to minister and witness to the local community, the wider town and the areas of Olton and Hobs Moat where we have formerly had a worshipping presence.

We share our mission with other Churches and are in partnership with others in the community. We invite you to join us as we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

www.solihullurc.org.uk
www.centralsolihullchurches.org.uk

LEADERSHIP TEAM

VACANT - Minister

Gordon Justham - **Church Secretary & Elder**

Chris Harman - **Treasurer & Elder**

Linda Faber - **Mission Enabler & Lettings Administration**

Maureen Butler - **Elder (worship & prayer, charities, social activities)**

Trixie Harman - **Elder (Youth & Children)**

Barrie Jones - **Elder (Property, Health & Safety)**

Elaine Jones - **Elder (Administration, Data protection, Catering)**

Jackie Justham - **Elder (charities, social activities)**

Gordon Laurie – **Elder**

Areas of special responsibility are listed in brackets.

IN THE LIGHT – Rosalind Smart

Over the Winter we have had some dark days, we have felt we are living in the shadows. When the Sun comes out and shines on our homes, gardens and countryside, we feel its warmth and strength, making our days brighter and energised. Now we are on the right side of Winter, the days are lengthening and we are moving towards Spring. Signs of new growth in our gardens and countryside – magical – but no it is the source of light, the power of the Sun that provides the light and the energy, as our planet Earth moves on its path, tilted at an angle, so we get our Seasons. Plants need light to grow and flourish. They will be weak and feeble without light – they will not mature and become strong to enable them to come to fruition.

Jesus claims to be “The Light of the World. “He is our illumination. Holding the truth up for us to see, helping us to understand things better, dispelling darkness as we walk along the road.

John 1 v 1-14 Taken from The Message

The Word was first

The Word present to God

God present to the Word

The Word was God

In readiness for God from day one.

Everything was created through Him,

Nothing – not one thing! –

Came into being without Him.

What came into existence was Life

And the Life was Light to live by

The Life – Light blazed out of darkness;

The darkness couldn't put it out.

The Life – Light was the real thing

Every person entering Life

He brings into Light.

A wonderful promise we have from God. Let us not live in the shadows but come out into God's Light which comes from a flame of LOVE! He gives us strength and power to move forward, if only we trust Him!

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd	10am: Worship & Communion – Ian Carnell
Monday 3rd – Friday 7th:	<i>Solihull URC focus on schools</i>
Monday 3rd	10am: Moments
Wednesday 5th	6:45pm: Churches Together in Central Solihull (Solihull URC)
Thursday 6th	10am: Tots & Tales 1:30pm: Singing for Pleasure
Saturday 8th	10am: Saturday Café
Sunday 9th	10am: Worship – Linda Faber
Monday 10th	10am: Moments 12:30pm: Elders Meeting
Thursday 13th	10am: Tots & Tales 1:30pm: Singing for Pleasure
Saturday 15th	10am: Saturday Cafe
Sunday 16th	10am: Worship – Gordon Justham
Monday 17th	10am: Moments 10am: Shout Out for the Girls (TBC - half term)
Tuesday 18th	10:30am: Messy Church (in the Church – Hall in use)
Saturday 22nd	10am: Café closed
Sunday 23rd	10am: Worship – Alan Cotgreave
Monday 24th – Friday 28th:	<i>Fair Trade fortnight</i>
Monday 24th	1pm: Moments
Tuesday 25th	5:45pm: Pancake Party
Wednesday 26th:	<i>Beginning of Lent – lookout for Lent activities</i>
Thursday 27th	10am: Tots & Tales
Sunday 29th	10am: Worship – Linda Faber

All regular groups meet as usual. Please see your group leader for further information and ask them to put specific dates in the newsletter each month. Don't forget to use the calendar at the back of church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year we are hosting the World Day of prayer which is at 10:30am on Friday 6th March. Please look out for further details. All welcome to come along. If you would be willing to welcome people at the doors, read, or take up the offertory as part of the service please let me know.

Linda Faber

CAR PARK TICKETS/FINES

Please can I remind everyone to never get involved, or try to help, anyone who is given a carpark ticket. ALWAYS tell them to phone the phone number on the ticket and NEVER give out anyone's phone number from the church. DO NOT EVER mention our carpark person's name. Tell the person to phone the car park company—the carpark tickets are a legal document and the carpark company is responsible for them. It is not our role to sort out problems.

- NEVER GIVE OUT ANYONE'S PHONE NUMBER, FOR ANY REASON, WITHOUT EXPRESS PERMISSION FROM THE PERSON FIRST.
- DON'T GET INVOLVED AT ALL WITH CARPARK TICKET PROBLEMS—REFER THE ENQUIRER TO THE PHONE NUMBER ON THE TICKET ONLY.
- FOR CHURCH QUESTIONS, EITHER REFER THEM TO THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR TAKE THE ENQUIRERS PHONE NUMBER AND TELL THEM SOMEONE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM.
- DO NOT EVER GIVE OUT NAMES OR CONTACT DETAILS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

FRESH FROM THE WORD: THE BIBLE FOR A CHANGE

It is time to order the 2020 edition of this helpful IBRA book which will inspire your reading of the Bible in a changing world. It is led by theologians, scholars, creative writers, church leaders and activists from around the world, and offers notes, prayers and suggestions for further thought for every day of the year. It will be just under £10.

If you would like a copy, please contact Marian Batten (07855 516687) or Irene Bound (0121 449 6367).

MARIAMA – OUR SPONSORED CHILD

I hope you all had a happy Christmas and wish you a peaceful and healthy New Year.

It is time to make our next payment to support Mariama so I would be very happy to receive your annual £12 as soon as possible. Maybe not perfect timing so near Christmas!

We hear from Mariama twice a year and the message and drawing are displayed on the notice board in church. Thank you all for your support. **Anne Cherry**

COACH TRIPPERS UNITED 2020

A very, very Happy New Year to all Coach Trippers. I am pleased to tell you that 2020 trips are all booked.

First of all, as agreed at the AGM which again was very well attended, Thursday March 19th will be registration day for our new Loyalty Membership. A room has been booked at West Warwick Sport Club from 10.30am until 12.30pm for registration to take place. Don't forget you will have to have made 3 trips during 2019 to qualify and the one-off charge will be £5.

APRIL 16th	Trentham Gardens
MAY 21st	Goodrich Castle and Ross on Wye (Market Day)
JUNE 18th	Tyntesfield Somerset (National Trust)
JULY 16th	Melton Mowbray (Pork Pie Demonstration) and Cottesbrooke Gardens
AUGUST 20th	Attingham Park (National Trust)
SEPTEMBER 17th	Chavenage and Tetbury
OCTOBER 15th	BBC Studios (Salford) and the Arndale Centre Manchester
NOVEMBER 19th	AGM Details to follow

The trips will cost no more than £20 plus entrance fees (where applicable) and should be booked in the usual way through Val on 706 9687. Pick up will be 8.30 prompt from West Warwick. Cancellation charges as ratified at the AGM.

David Argall 704 4006



Join our team
of Pastoral
Mentors working
with young
people
in local schools.



- Are you a good listener?
- Do have a regular morning available every week (during school terms)?
- Would like to be trained to support young people coping with bereavement or family breakdown?

Contact Cheryl by phone: 07857 311285

or email: cherylshineyouth@outlook.com

to discuss attending our next

**2-day Induction training
on 26th & 27th March 2020**

Closing date for Applications is 28th FEB

KEY CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Minister

VACANT

Church Secretary

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Generations Project - enabling the Church in care homes

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Moments

Mondays 10am—12 noon

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Material for the March edition

Is due to Stuart Mills: 07931 614393

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by Sunday 23rd February please.