

Waterloo United Free Church

News Sheet

This Week

Dr John Smith is leading our worship this morning.

Next Week

Sun 18th June Dick Hayes

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 15th June
Deacons Meeting
- Sunday 25th June Linda Hopkins
- Tuesday 4th July 10.30am
– 12 noon – prayer, chat, coffee at the church.
- Saturday 8th July Big Day Out

Linda will be away

Linda and Peter will be away from Sunday 18th June to Saturday 24th June inclusive .

'God is here, enjoy the company!'



This was one of the comments added to the prayer wall during our day of prayer on Wednesday.

We had 17 people come through the doors and give an hour to praying in lots of different, some creative, ways. Thank you to all who came.

The feedback has been very positive, about how good it was to have a prayerful space; how God was with us as we prayed; how the time went so quickly and some stayed longer than they intended, and how good it was to pray in different ways for ourselves, our world, our community...

Here is a prayer, psalm written by someone on the day:

*God of the past, God of the present, God of the future
You have created a marvellous world.
Mountains, lakes, seas, and beauty surrounds us.
All bear witness to you.
We worship you.*

*God of the Church you have called us to be your body.
You have made us your children,
You have loved us and nurtured us
We worship you.*

*God of the now, we pray you will encourage us.
That you will help us.
Prompt us to speak; provoke us to love,
Prod us to life.
We worship you.*

Don't forget our next prayer event: Tuesday 4th July 10.30 am to 12 noon prayer, chat, coffee at the church. The first of a regular monthly meeting to come together for prayer.

Prayer cards with suggestions on how to pray are available; please ask if you haven't got one

News Sheet Items

Can you contribute a poem, prayer, picture or other item for the news sheet. Please send items to Peter by Thursday: e-mail peter dot hopkins at dsl dot pipex dot net.

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We are on Facebook, Twitter, and have a website.

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www.facebook.com/waterloounitedfreechurch/

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Points for Prayer

- For those affected by the events in Manchester and London
- For political leaders as they struggle with the problems of terrorist action
- For those involved in the political processes after the election
- For the Big Day Out in Southport
- Give thanks for the day of prayer
- For the Deacons' as they meet this week
- For those working on WACA
- For Dick as he prepares next week's service
- For wisdom and guidance for the church

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A pastoral message from the Presidents of Churches Together In England

As the feast of Pentecost dawned, we learnt of another appalling terrorist attack in London, the third attack within weeks. It is therefore important that we say clearly alongside our fellow faith leaders that such horrific acts are abhorrent to God and to all people of faith. Life is precious, the gift of God, and it is to be prized. Our thought and prayers will continue to be with those who have been bereaved and those who are recovering from injuries suffered in those attacks.

Churches Together across the land have been praying in these past weeks for the coming of God's kingdom. In the face of increased terrorist activity those prayers are particularly poignant. The kingdom of God is love, justice and joy, and the gifts of the Spirit given for building it. Even in such acts of darkness, we have caught glimpses of the kingdom in the kindness of strangers to each other, the extraordinary bravery of the emergency services and the dedication and skill of medical teams. We thank God for them.

Part of our vocation as Christians is to stand together with our friends and neighbours of all faiths and none to seek the flourishing of all, and refuse to let violence and hatred deflect us from living compassionately and kindly together. Another part of our vocation is to share in Christ's ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation, to pray for those who hate that they may grow close to the God of mercy and love and be transformed.

In this season of Pentecost we invite all who are part of Churches Together to pray for the gifts of the Spirit so that they may be activists for the love of God, building healing, reconciling and forgiving communities where God's kingdom can grow and all be valued as children of God.

- Archbishop Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury
- Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster
- Revd Dr Hugh Osgood, the Free Churches Moderator
- The Revd Canon Billy Kennedy, the President nominated by the New Churches, the Religious Society of Friends (ie the Quakers) and the Lutheran and German-speaking Churches
- Bishop Angaelos, the President for the Orthodox Churches
- Bishop Dr Eric Brown, the Pentecostal President

The Big Day Out

The URC North Western Synod is holding another Big Day Out, together with Mersey Synod. It is on Saturday 8 July from 10am, at Southport Convention Centre. Tickets cost £10 for adults Full details

www.nwsynod.org.uk/42-news/111-big-day-out-saturday-8-july-2017

Future Dates

Deacons' meeting - Thursday 15th June, 7.45pm.

BMS Link Missionary Visit - our link missionaries Nicola and Roger Pearce are due home later in the year. The weekend of August 19th-20th will be an opportunity to meet with them locally.

Coffee, Tea, Flowers...

Don't forget to check the coffee rota and flower rota and add your name if you are able to help out!