

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 24 January 2021



We regret that church continues to be closed for worship. Elders will review this situation regularly in the light of government and Synod guidance. Please check the website (www.hhrurc.org.uk) and our Facebook page for updates.

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Lectionary readings this week: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12;
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20.

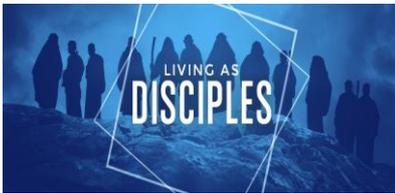
Communicating and Worshipping:

Please contact the Minister or Elders with any concerns or prayer requests.

There will be **worship every Sunday morning at 10:45 via Zoom**. This week it will be led by **Margaret Marshall**. Join on a web-enabled device using the Zoom link in the weekly email. **To join by phone:**

1. Dial **0203 481 5237** or **0203 481 5240**
2. When prompted, enter the **Meeting ID: 890 1146 1733**, followed by #
3. When asked if you have a **User ID**, just enter #
4. When prompted, enter the Passcode: **618243**, followed by #
5. If you can, **place your phone on mute once the service begins** – this avoids interference.

The old conference call phone number is no longer in use.



Lent Course: *Living as Disciples*.

URC Ministers in Coventry will be delivering a Zoom Lent course every Tuesday evening, 7.00 – 8.15 from 23rd February to 23rd March. Zoom link details will be available in due course.

A Message from Debbie:

Dear Friends

During lockdown we have had to take life at a different pace, facing a time of real testing and challenges. We have had to learn new skills to find ways to stay connected in caring, supporting and loving one another and it has been encouraging to see people looking out for one another, doing practical things and keeping in touch by phone. As we journey through this year may we continue to stay strong in our faith and trust fully that God travels with us, giving us the strength to do and be what God calls us to do and be.

Lent is forty days of testing and its purpose is referenced to the forty years of the wanderings in the Exodus story and the forty days of Jesus' testing in the wilderness before his ministry. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (this year 17th February) and ends the day before Easter (Holy Saturday, 3rd April). During Lent believers fast, give up something or commit to certain acts of kindness for forty days.

Sometimes it is difficult to decide what to give up for Lent. I would like to suggest that each day of Lent this year, we try to write down two things that we are thankful for to encourage us during this testing time. Thinking about journeys and our unity, here are a few events to help and encourage us to stay connected:

- 18th-25th January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and on Sunday 24th the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral is hosting a Zoom Service at 2pm.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84476888636?pwd=U3lvWUpPUkkyY1cxWVFJYzVNUGs4UT09>
- Future Sunday morning 10.45am Services will now be by Zoom which can also be accessed by dialling a number on your telephone. This replaces the previous telephone dial-in to be accessible by everyone. Instructions will be sent out shortly.
- A fortnightly Zoom coffee morning on Tuesdays at 11am. Next date - Tuesday 26th January.
- A monthly Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays 7-8pm. The first one will be on Wednesday 27th January and we will share any joys and concerns requiring prayer.

Stay safe and God bless. Love, Debbie

Our friends at **Covenant and Kingdom** are offering a **Zoom 6-week wellbeing course**. If you are interested, please contact Revd Debbie Brown asap who will let Jackie Kemp know numbers. They are also looking for **volunteers with experience of Dementia to act as befrienders** for people who currently need additional support. If you can help – or know somebody who would benefit from the service (not necessarily suffering from Dementia) - please contact Revd Debbie Brown in the first instance.