

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 14 February 2021



Worship in the building is currently suspended – alternative worship via Zoom and telephone is running (please see below)

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Lectionary readings this week: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9.

Communicating and Worshipping:

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

Worship takes place every **Sunday morning at 10:45am** via Zoom. You can join on any web-enabled device by using the Zoom link included in the weekly email or by telephone:

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. Enter the **Passcode: 618243**, followed by #
5. If you can, **turn your phone to MUTE once the service begins** – this avoids interference.

There will also be an act of worship at **7.00pm on Ash Wednesday, 17 February**. You can join this using the same Zoom link and dial-in numbers/codes as for Sunday morning worship.

A Message from Debbie:

Dear Friends,

Walking the Way: Living the Life of Jesus Today is the United Reformed Church's focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission. It explores what it means to actively follow, learn from, and be transformed by Jesus. Being transformed by Jesus requires loving care and action.

This Sunday is Valentine's Day and coincidentally falls on Racial Justice Sunday, an appropriate time for us to think about, reflect and act upon what kind of love we are being called to embody and demonstrate. As we engage with the *Walking the Way* resources in our future Bible discussions and various gatherings, my hope and prayer is that we may be transformed by all that we do.

This past year has been a shocking reminder of the inequalities in our world. Let us have expectant hearts and willing feet to serve God, loving our neighbour as ourselves. Whatever we do, in word or deed, may we do it in Christ's name, giving thanks to God in loving service.

God bless you all.

Love, Debbie.

Summary of discussions from the HHR Elders' meeting, Feb 9th 2021

- Elders reviewed the current situation and confirmed continued closure of the church building.
- Elders due for re-election have been asked to continue in post until it is possible to have an AGM.
- Elders were delighted to welcome 4 members of St Columba's URC by transfer of membership.
- Arrangements for Holy Week worship and Easter were discussed, including arrangements for distribution of Easter cards and palm crosses to members of the congregation and having palm crosses and opportunity to request prayer available to members of the local community / public.
- It was agreed to offer coffee time after Zoom services on the last Sunday of the month, starting 28th February, to give opportunity to stay and chat with each other.
- Lent challenge – last year's BRICK challenge has been redesigned for lockdown, as we could not do it last year. It will be available by email or via paper copy for those who receive information in this way.

Lent Course: *Living as Disciples*. A Zoom Lent course every Tuesday evening, 7.00 – 8.15, 23rd February to 23rd March, led by Nick Stanyon, Kirsty and Craig, exploring discipleship as worshippers, co-creators, evangelists, activists and lived with integrity. Please contact your Elder for Zoom link details.