

NOTICES.

A BIRTHDAY LIKE NO OTHER.

Today is like no other for our dear friend and very long time member Peggy Mott. For the very first time! She is celebrating TODAY, her NINETIETH BIRTHDAY - that's 90!! We all wish her a very happy birthday, and many more of them in good health.

CHURCH KEY AUDIT

It's been a few years since a Key Audit has taken place. But this is necessary for insurance purposes and Safeguarding. Buildings must be kept secure at all times, and an essential part of that process is limiting the number of keys in circulation. If you are a key holder, please indicate on the list at the back of the church which keys you hold. If you hold keys to more than one door please carefully consider whether you need more than one as your needs may have changed over time. If you have keys you no longer use, please return them to me in an envelope marked with your name and which doors they are for. It is very important that my list from 2020 is updated.

Wilma Smith - Hall Lettings Secretary.

COFFEE & CAKE!

And a warm space in the Church at 2.00 pm on Monday 22nd April; and every Monday afternoon. Do come!

SYNOD MODERATOR

Please note that our Southern Synod Moderator will be conducting worship on Sunday 28th April.

Rev Bridget Banks was formerly minister of our United Reformed Churches in Crawley. The Southern Synod covers Kent, Sussex and Surrey and her office is in part of East Croydon URC. We shall be inviting members and friends from our other local URC's.

MORE FLOWERS

Verna and Ray Elliott thank the church for their flowers delivered last Sunday with the good wishes of the Church

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WELCOME

Sunday 21st April 2024
Third Sunday after Easter.

**We are here to :- Grow closer to God,
Support and encourage each other,
Share the love of Jesus.**

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Conducted by the Elders
Led by Mrs Valerie Gill.
Duty Elder: Mrs Hilary Redman**

If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers' and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church.



**VERY SPECIAL
BIRTHDAY FLOWERS.**

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Lighten our darkness breathe on this flame until your justice burns brightly again, until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation, and bring you their praise.

MONDAY

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us Compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

TUESDAY

Lord, You have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise, desiring only that I should follow. O, Lord with your eyes set upon me; gently smiling, You have spoken my name; all I longed for I have found by the water at Your side I will seek other shores

WEDNESDAY

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth; and while the wave notes fall on my ear everything false will disappear.

THURSDAY

Jesus good above all other, gentle child of gentle mother, in a stable born our brother, give us grace to persevere. Lord in all our doings guide us; pride and hate must never divide us; we'll go on with you beside us, and with joy we'll persevere!

FRIDAY

O Lord open our lips; and our mouths shall show forth your praise. O God make speed to save us. O Lord make haste to help us.

SATURDAY

Praise the Lord; the Lord's name be praised. O Lord show your mercy towards us, and grant us your salvation.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

Throughout the year we remember in our prayers all those in our Church Family. This week we remember:

Anita & Malcolm Strudwick; Bett & Tony Swierk and Family.

HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY

One more step.

Be the God of all my Sundays.

Lord of the Dance

Lord today, your voice is calling.

Reading: Acts 20. verses 7 - 16

FUTURE SERVICES

April	28	Rev Bridget Banks - Moderator of the URC Southern Province.
May	5	Mrs Valerie Cooper with Holy Communion.
May	12	Mr Wilfred Rhodes.

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting: May 14 at 2.15 pm

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting May 5

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When we might have won had we stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

~John Greenleaf Whittier

via Charter of Compassion.