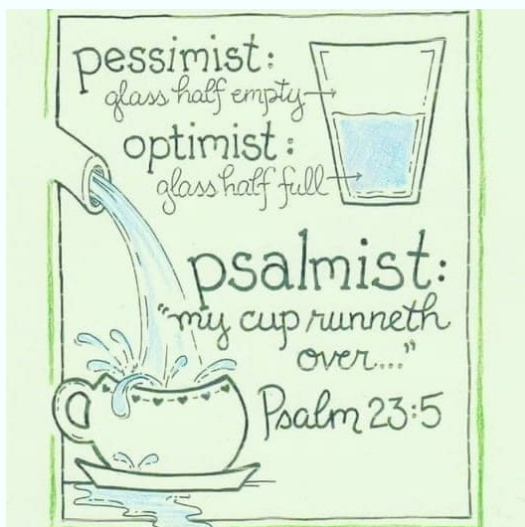


CONTACT

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United Reformed Church



February 2023

Happy Birthday

It was Carys Hung's Birthday in January.

We hope you had a wonderful birthday

*Megan Edwards celebrates her birthday in
February*



Happy Birthday to You

May the Good Lord Bless You

Sue Lawrence-Brooks



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT '23

Will be taking place 27 February - 12 March

In previous years, as a FairTrade Church, we have been involved in free events, in both our church and Village.

At the moment we have very few plans to hold an event but please check the March Contact for ideas of how to get involved and spread the FairTrade message.

Look out for Paul's service about 'Responding to Poverty' on 26th February. As Christians, is it part of our DNA?

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List of contents is missing this week as editor has ran out of spare pages!

Let me know if you miss it please.

Kathy



A huge welcome to Rev Paul and Jill Ellis.
Paul's arrival as our Minister is a wonderful answer to our prayers. Thank you God.
Paul's Induction service was held at Enderby URC on December 3rd 2022.

WELCOME FROM PAUL, YOUR NEW MINISTER



I am not sure how I welcome you, when you were already here and I am new! You have done so very much to make me and Jill feel welcome here, with tremendous work at the Manse, now very much our home, and we are most grateful to all involved.

I realise that few of you will know much of my past, so I hope it will be more helpful than self-indulgent to write this month something of where I have come from, of my own life journey with God.

I grew up in Exeter and attended a Congregational Church even in my carry-cot, and I have remained within the United Reformed Church for as long as it has existed. From Exeter School I attended The University of Sheffield to train as a Speech Therapist. (David Sharpe was lecturing there at the same time, but I did not have much to do with the Maths Department, so I doubt we met.) My first job was based in Lancaster and I lived in Morecambe, where I was ordained as an Elder.

During my student days I met Jill, not so far away from here at Swanwick in Derbyshire. We were married in 1984 in the URC on Merseyside where her father was the minister.

By then my mother was widowed and we felt it was right to live nearer her, so it was a move back to Devon, to where Jill and I have lived for the longest, in Brixham, the beautiful seaside town in Torbay. What a wonderful place to bring up our three children, Hannah, Rachel and Mark!

It was trusted friends at Brixham URC who suggested to me considering full-time ministry. My 25-year Speech & Language

Therapy career was stimulating and satisfying and I sincerely believe that was what God intended for that era of my life; I had reached the point, already with some management experience, where I might have become Head of Department.

Yet God had other ideas and, as the opportunity presented itself to train from home on the ecumenical South West Ministry Training Course, I candidated for full-time stipendiary ministry in the URC and was accepted.

It was a privilege to be called to my first pastorate of Terling and Witham: contrasting Churches, as Terling was a tiny village Chapel and Witham the biggest URC in East Anglia! That ministry was as rewarding as it was hard work and we remained in Witham for eight years (which saw Mark through school), Jill working part-time in a local primary school.

Then in 2016 we moved...but not very far, still in Essex, to Hutton & Shenfield Union Church, a large and joint Baptist/URC set in a private estate just outside the M25.

I never intended to stay there until I retired. Once I had seen that mainly elderly congregation through the worst of the pandemic, I was ready to move and heard of the way ordained ministry was being provided in East Midlands Synod. That model appealed and the idea of Groby as my home Church was a very exciting prospect. Then you know what followed, culminating in my induction in December (see photo on page 3).

There have been so many times when God's hand has directed our lives: Jill and I being on the same Christian holiday in Swanwick; purchasing a house just in time before Hannah was born; being able to train for the ministry from home rather than uprooting all the family to go to College; I could go on.

Now I am delighted to be your minister and Jill and I love the village. My hope is that I may, over the coming months, visit

every Church member. If, in the meantime, you are unable to get to worship and would like Home Communion, do let me know: telephone 0116 2926218.

For now though, why don't you look back over your life, whether shorter or longer than mine, and recognise again where God has guided your big decisions – and then give Him thanks?

Your friend and minister,

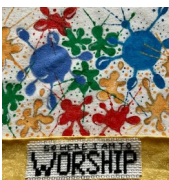
Paul.

P.S. I shall normally take Friday as my day off, but you may still e-mail me then.

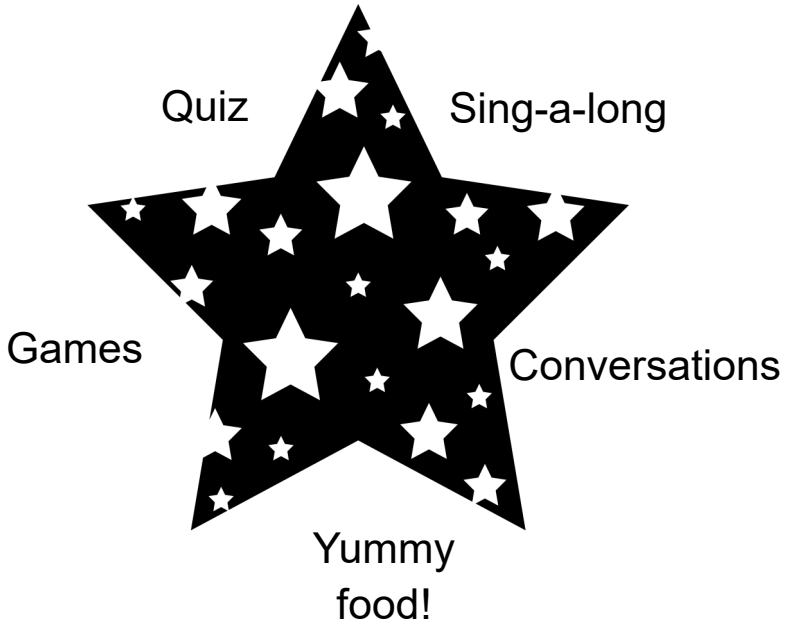
Here is the banner celebrating 50 years of the East Midlands URC Synod.

It made an appearance at Paul's Induction service in Enderby, but here it is in our hallway the following weekend.

I hope you spotted the Groby square - created by Elaine & Joy.



**ALL AGE RAZZLE DAZZLE
BRING & SHARE LUNCH & SOCIAL**



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH
DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH COFFEE**

**PLEASE USE SIGN UP SHEET -
DON'T LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST
MINUTE AS PLACES MAY BE
LIMITED!!**

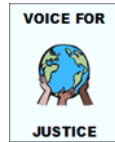
L IS FOR LIFESTYLE

Following on from E is for Energy in the Dec/Jan Contact, this month we learn that F is for FOOD in Ruth Valerio's book about Christian living that doesn't cost the earth.

If you missed, Activists – Bananas – Creation – Driving, you can catch up by viewing the Tearfund notice board in the Hall.

See page 24 of this issue for thoughts on Food.

Voice for Justice Team



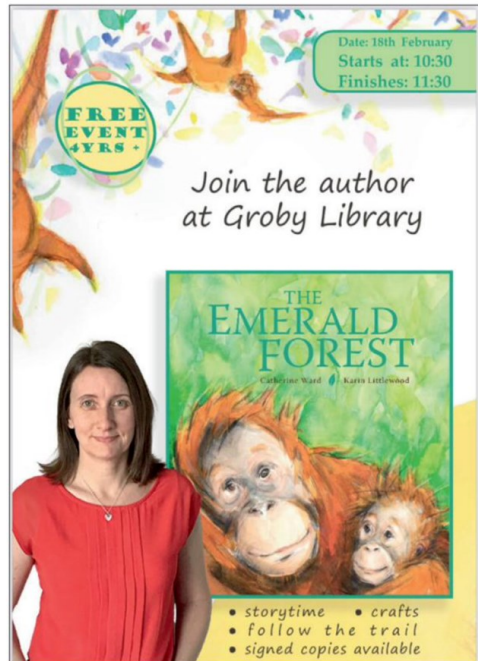
The Emerald Forest

Church member Catherine Ward has written a children's picture book called 'The Emerald Forest'.

The book will be published in February by Otter-Barry Books Limited.

If you have a child of 4 years and over why not take them along to Catherine's book reading and activity session at Groby Community Library on Saturday 18th February, 10.30am.

Mary



Reflections on training in Pioneer Ministry

By Wendy Hall

Dec / Jan Contact included information on her learning on module 1 of her Pioneer Ministry Course. Below Wendy explains about Module 2 and 3.

Module 2: **Ethics and Pastoral Care**, included learning and signposting on grief and bereavement, and mental health awareness. It included theological reflective practices. Ethics was hard! But included some big thinking on world problems.

Module 3: **Mission and Evangelism**

This was my favourite module. What does the word mission mean? It comes from the word Apostle and means to “be sent.” God is “Missio Dei” outpouring love to the world. He sent us His son; He is missionary by nature and the DNA of His church should be missional.

This means God is already present in the world, he is near, the challenge is to find out where God is already at work and join in. His mission is about the healing of creation, justice, and activism, and the heart of Mission is sharing Jesus Christ and recognising the Kingdom of God is already here.

Christ is sown inside culture so that he is authentically indigenous to that culture. This is an important thought. Mission is often thought of as something done to others, or across the sea, and in the past, it has often meant an imperialist domination, simply reflecting the culture of the bringer, and not honouring the culture of the indigenous population or hybrid culture one might find oneself in. Today we are trying to think of mission as bringing wholeness to the earth and its peoples, seeing the truths that they live by and identifying with them, while behaving thinking and acting in a way that reflects Christ.

It's called **Enculturation** and Jonny Baker one of my tutors' comments "Any engagement with culture will call for resistance and engagement." This is not easy because it means being both inside and outside culture at the same time. Didn't Jesus model this? My favourite quote says

"The greatest contribution to the people to whom we go, might well be, to separate them, free them, from their own idea of God"

Jesus' theology depended on the people, on their theology, wounds, pains reflections, questions, and concerns. He preached, taught, pointed to the Father, listened, and answered questions. He challenged his friends and encouraged the community. Above all he prayed.

Some key ideas from this module:

- 1 Always talk openly about your faith and experiences.
- 2 Don't directly focus on one person
- 3 Everybody is welcome
- 4 Invitations to church events and welcoming.
- 5 Share our vision for our locality, and ideas together.
- 6 Listen deeply to what is being said in your locality, and by individuals.
- 7 Make connections outside of church, the pub, the working men's club, knitting group, parish council etc...
- 8 Build relationships within community
- 9 Hospitality in our homes and in church to those outside of church
- 10 Invite schools to come into church
- 11 Build self-esteem and release from shame, in others

Ali Boulton my tutor for this module and my personal tutor says Evangelism is about “Kenosis” laying down your own life to serve others and doing this in an integral and holistic way by valuing, loving, accepting, and dignifying others, and by sharing community together and proclaiming the gospel. We belong before we believe. Phil 2 v 3-4

This module led us to a day in a place called Winson Green in Birmingham to see how enculturation was building community there.

Between me embarking on this course and its end date, the URC decided to set up a Pioneer Hub in Birmingham at Winson Green, with URC Ministers Ange and Ash Barker. Ash is also the founder of seedsbeds.org. (An organisation growing leaders in enabling healthy flourishing communities and engaging with the best thinking and practice in community building internationally.) This means I am learning with a group of aspiring Pioneers, on Zoom calls, Residential weekends and one-off days over the year and have some personal coaching sessions, with people who have enormous experience in this area. The course will lead to a URC certificate in Pioneering and an accreditation as a Lay Pioneer in the URC. However, what this actually will mean in practice I don't think anyone is clear about just yet, as it is all very new.

Our Taster's café is a Pioneering/ Fresh Expression of Church, a wonderful expression of mutual community and relationship building. We seek to hear God's voice for this venture, for its development and its voice to the community of Groby. Some of us meet in church each Saturday at 8 am to pray for this. If you are inspired by what you have read, and would like to join us, we would love to welcome you and what you bring.

Peace in Christ, Wendy

A Letter from Constance Pringle

Hi Groby URC!

As many of you will know, I'm the daughter of Trevor & Mary Pringle. I grew up at Groby URC and now live in Beeston, Nottinghamshire. I've recently negotiated some unpaid leave from my job and for some of this time off I'll be taking up a short term mission opportunity...

Where will I be going?

The Garden Tomb is an archaeological site just outside the old city walls of Jerusalem which includes a well-preserved first century tomb (see photo on next page!). Due to the garden's location and geographical features, it is one of the two most likely locations for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Whilst no one here

claims that this is THE empty tomb, the site is a unique place for reflection and teaching about the Christian faith. The 400,000+ people who visit here each year are presented with historical and archaeological insights into the setting, but most importantly with the bible truth claims about Jesus' death and resurrection. The focus in the garden is not on whether this could be the exact location of Golgotha ('the place of the skull') but on giving testimony to what happened 'somewhere around here' and the significance of that in the lives of each individual who visits.



Constance in the garden tomb area during her last visit in 2019.

The Garden Tomb is obviously a unique setting for telling the Christian story - but it is the word of God (and not any location) that is living and active, with the power to transform lives. This is why the team at The Garden



Tomb are committed (just like churches all over the world) to proclaiming the gospel with a focus on the victory of the risen Jesus. People from all over the world come here and (as they tour the garden tomb site) have the opportunity to hear and consider the good news about Jesus.

What will I be doing?

I'm joining the existing team (as a short term volunteer) on 4th Feb, and will be working 5 days a week doing a mixture of tasks. This will include learning the ropes as a tour guide, taking groups around the site and re-telling the gospel accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, using the unique location as a visual aid. I visited the Garden Tomb whilst on holiday a few years ago and was struck by the clarity of the gospel presentation given by our guide. When I found out that you could volunteer to work here I banked the thought for a rainy day... When I was considering plans for my time off this seemed like a great opportunity to pursue - for training in public evangelism and an interesting context in which to gain some insight into a full time ministry/mission setting. I hope that God will make my efforts useful in some way but also that he will be teaching me through my time away, that this will be a great opportunity for me to rehearse gospel truths for myself, as well as grow in my

ability to communicate the good news.

Less excitingly (but also importantly!) I'm expecting to do practical jobs like cleaning & waking up early to take the bins out. I'm not great at doing these tasks when I'm at home so 6am starts will be interesting!

How can you partner with me?

The main way to partner with me is to pray!

'If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ...' - 1 Peter 4:11

This is a verse that has stood out to me when I've been thinking about my trip. I've never done anything like this before and wonder if I will have the right words to speak at different times. We all need the Spirit's help to speak faithfully about Jesus and the strength that God provides to serve him. That's not just true for me and this trip but for all of us in all of life!

Please pray that God would give me his words to speak and his strength to serve, and also that through the work of the Garden Tomb that many people would hear about Jesus and know the victory of the resurrection in their lives.

If you'd like to keep up to date with my trip you can sign up for email updates using this google form:

<https://forms.gle/1fJFRWUbMKXu1s9Y6>.

Or you can speak to Mary and Trevor (aka 'Mum and Dad')

Find out more about the ministry of The Garden Tomb by visiting: <https://gardentomb.com/>

Sunday Service Take Aways.

During last year's discussions about our Sunday services it was suggested that key points or 'take aways' from sermons could be included in Contact. Here are some notes from Ben Wright's message to us on Sunday 15th January. If you think this would be a useful regular feature to include in Contact please let me know. Mary.

Jesus washes his disciples' feet – John 13, Verses 1-20

Jesus the servant. In verses 1-11 we see Jesus performing a shocking act of lowly service that points towards an even greater act of shocking, lowly service that he is about to undertake, His death on the Cross - where a far greater 'washing'/ cleansing than that of physically washing feet will occur.

In verses 12-20 we see Jesus explaining his actions to his disciples and telling them to go and love people as he has loved them through acts of loving, humble, sacrificial service.

Points to reflect on - the still radical nature of the Christian call to a life of humble service.

The need to be served before we can serve; we need to access Jesus' 'washing' of us and need God's love and power in order for us to truly, lovingly serve others.

Ben



SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING AND READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Our preaching focus is from John's Gospel throughout February.

We are pleased to welcome Riffat, the Assistant Curate at St Philip & St James on February 5th, who will be preaching for us from John 15.

Paul will lead us in sharing Holy Communion on February 12th and helping us consider our Christian response to poverty on February 26th.

Please note, there is no 'Ready, Set Go' service in February.

Feb. 5th	John 15 'Bearing Fruit'.	Riffat Zamurad
Feb. 12th	John 16: 16-33 Ask, and you will receive Service to include Communion	Rev. Paul Ellis
Feb. 19th	John 17:1-5 Jesus Prays for Himself	Gary Wood
Feb. 26th	John 15: 9-17. Responding to Poverty.	Rev. Paul Ellis

Sunday's Helping Hands in February

	Elder	Music	Media	Welcome	Coffee
	(Kathy)	(Tim)	(Tim)	(Joy)	(Joy)
Feb.5th	Kathy	Sue	Dave	Sue & Mike	Pat C & Linda
12th	Rachel	Debbie	Tim	Mary	Kathy & Barry
19th	Sue	David	Mark	Barbs	Peter & Margaret
26th	Kathy	Trevor	TBC	Margaret & Maurice	Joy & Cheryl

Flowers



(Barbara Conlon)

5th: Mark & Rachel

12th: Joy & Peter

19th: Tim & Linda

26th: Kathy & Barry

“The Clean Team!”

(Kathy Du Boulay)

Week beginning....

6th : ‘Our Chores’

13th: Ruth & Ann T

20th: ‘Our Chores’

27th : Trevor & Mary



‘Our Chores’ hope to do our church clean first thing on Tuesday mornings of the weeks they are with us. If you know the church is being used at that time, let Kathy know who will contact them. They are more than happy if they know ahead of time to try to arrange a different day.

Kathy

Rock Solid

This is the present version of Urban saints in Groby.

It is held fortnightly on a Friday evening at the URC Church and gives youngsters a chance to relax with both games and crafts. There is a food break, when there is a discussion of key questions such as 'Who was Jesus? Or What is a Christian?'

The numbers attending have gradually increased and the youngsters attending come from all our surrounding villages. Please pray for the group that it continues to grow and question. Although we have a group of volunteers who help with refreshments we also need additional adult support to chat with the youngsters as they engage with the activities. Many thanks to Laurence for helping as without him we really could not run.





Rock Solid Returns

Games and Grub

£1

Friday 7.30 - 9:00

At the URC chapel
Chapel Hill, Groby

Dates:

20th Jan

3rd 17th Feb

3rd 17th 31st March

Who for

**Top Primary and
Secondary**

(Year 5 -11)

Contact: Ruth Scott 07792376059



At the Movies

New Year, New Start for Groby Sings after a very successful comeback in 2022. The moment we'd all been waiting for finally arrived at the end of November with our first public performance for 3 years and with our new Musical Director, Simon Lubkowski. It was so good to be back and we are very grateful to Rev. Dr. Ed Bampton and all at Ratby Church for offering us the use of their beautiful building for our concert. The church was absolutely full and the acoustics were amazing. As well as family and friends of current singers, several singers from previous seasons were moved to say they would be coming back to join us when we restart on **Wednesday 1st March**.

Our theme for Spring/Summer 2023 is '**At the Movies**' which we're really excited about. As yet, the songs are a dark secret but we singers are really looking forward to finding out the selection on 1st March when there will surely be something to suit everyone.

We have another exciting reason to look forward to the new season. Groby Sings has always prided itself on being a fully inclusive community choir, embracing people from all walks of life, all areas of Leicestershire (and beyond), people with various disabilities and those who just want to get together with others and sing. There are no auditions and no requirement to be a 'good' singer, although those who have been to our concerts will know that, together, we produce a pretty amazing sound! To further our aim to be fully inclusive, this season we are actively encouraging people who have been diagnosed with memory loss or dementia, as well as their friends and carers, to come along and experience the enjoyment of singing together.

We at Groby Sings know that music and singing is uplifting for our mood and general wellbeing and this has been borne out by scientific studies. It has been shown to be particularly helpful to people with dementia and there are lots of dementia choirs and music therapy groups around the country. In 2019, the actor Vicky McClure (BBC's Line of Duty) set up a dementia choir in Nottingham as a result of witnessing her grandmother's experience of dementia. It was a life changer for the choir members, their families and the community. A series of 3 BBC programmes about the choir was broadcast at the time but then, of course, the good work was cruelly halted by Covid. However, in October last year 2 more programmes called 'Our Dementia Choir Sings Again' were broadcast about the revival of the choir and the making of a record at Abbey Road Studios! (It's a 'must-watch' on BBC iPlayer – tissues recommended.) So, we hope that people in our community with dementia and their carers will come along and share the good feelings that we generate at Groby Sings on Wednesdays.

How do I join Groby Sings?

Just come along to **The Groby Club**, Leicester Road, Groby, Leicester LE6 0DJ (ramps and disabled facilities available) on **Wednesdays**, term time only, beginning **1st March 2023**. Adult singers: either **1.30pm – 3.00pm** (pre-school children welcome in the care of their adult with a crèche area available) or **7.30pm – 9.00pm**. The Youth and Children's Choir (7 years and over) is from **3.40-4.40pm**. There is a 'cake break' in each session for a drink, a chat and cake! Enquiries via our [website](http://www.grobysings.org) www.grobysings.org.

June L Ward.

Groby Sings is a Registered Charity no. 1180490

Catching Up on Christmas News

TEARFUND'S MEMORY GARDEN CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Christmas Appeal in support of people in desperate need brought about by Climate Change raised the pleasing sum of £825. Which for eighteen tributes is very generous.

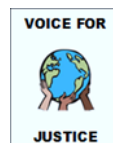
Tearfund is committed to relief and development work that is both environmentally and economically sustainable and helps people to be less vulnerable to extreme weather caused by **Climate Change**.

Our donations have been despatched to Tearfund's **Memory Garden** along with our tributes to loved ones. The tributes written on glitter tags were displayed on a small Christmas tree in church during Advent. To view them on Tearfund's Memory Garden visit: www.tearfund.org See Memory Garden Tributes, on the top of the list.

As Christians, we are called to demonstrate and proclaim hope to God's Earth and the people who live on it.

Thank You for your generous donations to the GURC 2022 **Christmas Appeal**.

Voice for Justice Team



*Look who visited Noah's Ark before
Christmas*



*Lily is pleased to meet
Santa & Helper!*



*Rosie's not so sure as to **who** he is!*

Journey to Bethlehem 2022

Children from years 3 and 4 of all our schools in Groby and Ratby were invited to travel back in time to Israel, to a time shortly before the birth of Jesus. They met four characters from the Christmas story. A shepherd left behind to look after the sheep whilst his mates went off to the village, a wise man on his way to Jerusalem where he was expecting to find a child born to be the new king, a Roman soldier patrolling the area, keeping an eye on travellers and demanding money from them and an older lady, Abigail, having to travel for the census.

Abigail is extremely worried about her young friends Mary and Joseph who are expecting a baby very soon and have gone on ahead to try and find somewhere suitable for the birth.

Here are just two of the many comments made by the children.

A boy turned back to Abigail, looked caringly into her eyes and said softly “Don’t worry, Mary will be alright, we have come from the future, and we know what is going to happen”

Another child was very keen to tell Star Watcher that he must not let Herod know where to find the baby as he wanted to kill him.





Tasters all set for a Winter Wonderland



Trevor & Constance leading carols at Tasters!





We're a dementia-friendly choir! For more information please get in touch with our dementia coordinator, Louise, at lou_ross@yahoo.com



Grobby Sings



AT THE
MOVIES



**Rehearsals at
Grobby Club
from 1st March**

Wednesday afternoon choir: 1.30 - 3pm
Creche area available

Children's choir 3.40pm - 4.40pm
for children aged 7 years old and over

Wednesday evening choir: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Performances take place on
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June

www.grobysings.org for more information Registered Charity no. 1180490



FOODBANK

On behalf of the family who receive our foodbank donations, thank you so much for your continued support - it really is making a difference to them. Just prior to Christmas, extra bags were delivered containing Christmas produce and a gift for each of the family - all purchased with cash donations from individuals in the fellowship.

They wish to convey their thanks for the lovely gifts, our prayers and for our practical support each week.

The older boys are now in full-time schooling and Mum is optimistic that the coming year will be a better one for them.

A reminder of items which are of most use to them:

- *Toilet rolls, *Size 6 nappies (up from size 5), *Babywipes
- *Non bio washing pods, *Long life milk, *Cereals

Cash donations will be used to purchase fresh fruit, bread, dairy products etc. on the day of delivery.

Please will you pray for their safety and for a stable and secure future for them.

Thank you!

Sue Lawrence-Brooks

TEARFUND MAGAZINE

The new Spring '23 TearTimes and Prayer Diary are now being sent out.

If you would like more details or to have your own copy please see Kathy, Joy, Ruth.

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F IS FOR FOOD

Our attitude to food is influenced by other aspects of our lives. Biblically, food is part of the gift relationship that God established with humanity to sustain us. This is reflected in the way we use food as a central part of our relationship building.



CHEAP FOOD IS COMING AT A HEAVY COST...

Our demand for **convenience** is contributing to the mounting problem of food waste. The extent of the pesticides used in food production harms biodiversity and our health. For example an average of thirty-three **pesticides** are used on the UK orchard crops! Allegedly, 75% of the cost of food is in **packaging**, processing and distribution!

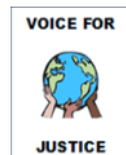
What on earth can we do about it?

The food topic is huge we can only take one bite at a time!

- Should we avoid eating unseasonal fruits and vegetables?
- Avoid food waste by shunning processed or packaged foods?
- Try and grow at least one crop in our gardens to share.

For example herbs in a window box would work.

**THE KINGDOM IS MADE VISIBLE
ON THIS EARTH THROUGH OUR
ACTIONS.**



During our first Sunday service of 2023, Paul led us in reading this prayer together.

Can we let this prayer continue to challenge us throughout the year?

The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but Yours.

Put me to what You will,

rank me with whom You will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for You or laid aside for You,

exalted for You or brought low for You;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to Your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am Yours.

So be it.

And the covenant now made on Earth,

let it be ratified in Heaven.

Amen.



DIARY DATES

Church AGM and meeting: Tuesday 31st January at 7.30 in the church

Prayers for Ukraine: Feb 2nd and 16th. 7.30 pm in church

All Age Razzle Dazzle Bring & Share Social Lunch: Sunday February 12th. Following After Church Coffee.

Urban Saints Rock Solid: February 3rd and 17th at 7.30 pm.

Fair Trade Fortnight 2023: 27th Feb to 12th March. Look out in March's Contact how to get involved

March 2023 issue

The deadline for March 2023 issue is **SAT 18th February 2023** but happy to accept articles sooner if prepared and ready to go!

Please submit to magazine@grobyurc.com or to Kathy (5 Hawthorn Rise, Groby) Preferred via email.

Print or Hard Copy of Contact?

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You are, of course, most welcome to receive both.

Our Church website can be found at <https://grobyurc.com/>

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/grobyurc>

The Gate of the Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

[And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of the day in the lone East.]

Pause for Thought...



Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

Augustine of Hippo 354-430

From Mary Pringle

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Our Sunday morning services start at 10 am and are recorded then broadcast afterwards on our Church Facebook page. Groby United Reformed Church / Facebook. Our worship includes monthly Holy Communion

The church building has a loop hearing system, wheelchair access, a toilet for the disabled & baby nappy changing facilities.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mon: Noah's Ark parent & toddler group - 9.30-11.30 (term time)

Thurs: 'Fair Cuppa'* at Groby village Hall-10.30-12 am

Fri: CatCH* parent & toddler group-9.30 - 11 am (term time)

Fri. (alternate Fridays during term time) 7.30 pm Urban Saints. Games and Grub for children in Years 5 - 11.

Sat:Tasters* Coffee, hot cobs. Kids activities -10-12am

There are also regular Homegroups running throughout the week. Our Secretarial Contact has more information.

* These activities are run jointly with St Philip & St James as part of 'Churches Together in Groby'.