Preachers for 11am Services

JULY
2nd Brenda Drake
9th Rev. Douglas Burnett (Will include Communion and the re dedication of Elders)
16th Mrs Wendy Magee
23rd To Be Advised
30th To Be Advised

AUGUST
6th Barb and Rick Kirby
13th Angus Gregson (Will include Communion)
20th Sue Thorne
27th To Be Advised
September
3rd Rev. Ruth Browning
10th Rev Douglas Burnett (Will include Communion)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.
Tuesday 4th July Joint Churches Prayer Meeting hosted this time by Kingsholm Church at 7.30pm
Wednesday 5th July Bristol URC Churches will meet at Brislington URC for a meeting which will include a ‘Cream Tea’ This will be held from 2pm.
Saturday 8th July at the Greenway Centre the annual Southmead Festival will be held. This will be from 11-4pm. All sorts of entertainment as well as the monthly Craft and Preloved event. We pray for fine weather. Admission FREE!
Sunday 16th July hosted by St Stephens will be the next Joint Churches Celebration Service. Weather permitting this will be an ‘Open Air’ event followed by a bring and share tea. The service will commence at 3pm. Should the weather be wet the event will be held in the church.
Thursday 27th July at 7.30pm will be our next Church Meeting at 7.30pm.
Saturday 29th July is the date for the next Craft and Preloved event at the Greenway Centre. From 12-3pm.
Tuesday 1st August the Pentecostal Holiness Church will be hosting this months Joint churches prayer meeting from 7.30pm
Saturday August 6th at the Greenway Centre is the next Craft and Preloved Event.
Tuesday 4th September is this month’s Prayer Meeting. Venue to be advised.

Please note there will be NO Southmead Quiz until September. Date to be Advised. Over the past 10 months this event has raised over £500 for local charities. It is hoped that four Southmead Charities will benefit from this monthly event.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS
It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Mr Steve Bailey on 1st June. His funeral will be held at Canford Crematorium on Monday 3rd July at 12.45. Steve had connections with New Brunswick growing up. Of course he was Fran’s brother. We assure the family of our support and prayers at this sad time.
June has been a sad month for New Brunswick as we heard of the passing of a dear friend who came and led worship on many occasions. That was our dear friend Brenda Munden. She always referred to us as her ‘flock! We will miss her leading our services and again assure her family and friends of our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

We remain thinking of Ruth and Peter. Ruth has moved permanently into a care home. She seems to be settling well. Peter visits everyday but can now rest and relax at home knowing that Ruth is being well looked after. At the age of 90 yrs Peter was finding looking after his dear wife quite a strain. We continue to uphold them both in our prayers.

Anita, Roger, Heidi and the whole family remain in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to support Paul at this difficult time. May God give Paul the peace he is seeking.

There have been those of our fellowship who have been unwell these last few weeks. So we pray for continued healing for Gary, Elaine, and Kate. We also uphold those undergoing tests at this time. Praying that results will bring peace of mind.

Many of our folk will be celebrating birthday in the coming couple of months they are July 21st Delwyn / 27th Carol
August 4th Brenda / 23rd Karl / 30th Wenda
May all these folk enjoy their Special Day. Knowing, too, God’s richest Blessings.

As this is a ‘double issue’ we think of all those folk who will be enjoying a ‘break’ from routine in the coming weeks as they go away on holiday. Whether that be somewhere exotic or a break in this country. May they enjoy a time of rest and relaxation, a period to recharge their batteries in readiness for the coming autumn activities. HAPPY HOLIDAY everyone.
Dear friends,

The month of July sees the arrival of the Reverend Yohan Song and his family at Redland Park and the Bristol Korean Church. Yohan will be the new minister from the Bristol Korean Church, but he will also have responsibilities for working with the other URCs in the Bristol Area. Overall it is what is now known as the Gale Project. Who/ what is Gale and the Gale Project, you might ask.

James Scarth Gale was a Canadian missionary who went to Korea in 1888 and spent the next forty years of his life there. He translated the Bible and Pilgrim’s Progress into Korean. He created the first English–Korean dictionary in the world. At one point he spent a year studying in Washington D.C. and was a one-time confidante to none other than Franklin D. Roosevelt. He pioneered intercultural study in that country, was a pioneer missionary and a remarkable linguist. He was a founding father of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. Curiously when he retired in 1927 he retired to Bath, where he became a serving elder in the Presbyterian Church of England, serving within the Bristol Presbytery. No doubt he would have been in Bristol at various times. All these discoveries and connections we have made over the past four years, since a group of us went out to Seoul in March 2019. We have been building up all these connections and putting them together in a new partnership with the PCK. And now it all begins.

While the church in South Korea remains very large it also faces the same challenges that we face with secular society. There is remarkable good work going on in this country and South Korea about how we shape our ministry and mission to face those challenges. The Holy Spirit is at work in these places. We will be looking to join up the best practice and creating a conversation and resourcing that can enable to new energy and perspectives. It is going to be good. Be sure to introduce yourself to Yohan when you see him. He comes with his wife Pulleep and his son Dueun. Dueun has chosen the English name of Andy for himself. Neither Pulleep or Andy speak English, but will be learning. Yohan is fluent in English, having also studied at Toronto University. It is a whole new episode in the life of Redland Park and the Bristol Korean Vhurch. We celebrate God’s work in all of this thus far. We pray that God will continue to lead us into the new things that God wants to show us.

We are glad to see John Turner in church again after another operation, hopefully a successful one. Unfortunately, he will need more in the future but we are grateful for his current better health and we think of Joan as well.

Please pray for Anna Ambrose who is recovering slowly from a stroke, and we think of Peter as well. May they both feel better soon.

Please continue to keep the Sims family in your prayers following the death of our much loved member Andrew. His absence is felt deeply.

It’s good when Terry King is able to come to church occasionally, and we pray for him and Sally; we also pray for good health for Audrey Bryant and for the support from her care home that helps Janet Lockyer to get to church more regularly.

We also celebrated two birthdays recently, both of 93 years old – Brian Day and Sheila Smart! Best wishes to them both.

We pray for new members to Redland Park – Ron Lyle transferring from Nailsea URC, and for Chloe Savage who was with us a few years ago and who came back to Bristol last year to look after her mother, Elaine Savage, and her disabled brother.

Please pray for the family of Susan Harker who had been living with cancer for several years, but who deteriorated quickly and died in late June. Susan attended Redland Park several years ago, and her daughter and grandson came for a short time, so some people will remember her. She was a lovely lady, gracious and kind, and we remember her husband Martin and family.

Prayers from our prayer boxes:

Dear God, please help me to find a peaceful resolution to the noise, disruption and difficulties with my neighbours below. Amen

Please say a prayer for Michelle, April, Dad (Paul), Mum (Jeanette), Molly’s driving instructor Mrs Taylor – some have bad health and some have cancer.

Please pray for Sharon.

Well Rob, you’re in God’s hands now. Let’s hope and pray that we might just meet again. I hope for God’s blessing. Your friend Mark.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere, and ask the government to be compassionate to them all, and to help bring peace to the world. We pray especially for Ukraine at present, for Russia that peace and stability will allow them to flourish and Putin to back down from his invasion, and for Sudan that peace will prevail.

We also pray for countries suffering from natural disasters, especially those areas suffering from the effects of Climate Change bringing drought, floods, cyclones and famine to countries around the world.
Here are the Lectionary readings for July, August and the first Sunday in September. One of the things I like most about the period between Ascension and Advent is that you get a long sequential run at a gospel so you can see how the story develops. This year we also get 3½ months of the letter to the Romans, by the end of which we might have a better handle of how Paul builds up his argument. Maybe every now and then it would be worth pausing and reading the chunk of Romans we’ve had over the preceding few weeks as one passage to see how it all fits together.

This section of Matthew’s gospel has a string of parables. We’ve heard them lots of times, which can be a problem – there’s the tendency to skip to the end, thinking, “Yup, I know this one.” But all of them seem to be ways of answering the question “What is the kingdom of heaven like?” Last Sunday (as I write this) we read about Jesus sending the disciple out to “Preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’” (Mt10:7) Maybe all these illustrations will help us to do just that.

The story of the healing we’ll read on August 20th is one of those bits I find awkward. (Go on, look it up now and give yourself some time to think about it.) Why does Jesus at first just ignore the woman and her cry for help. Bit rude? And when he does answer her he sounds even ruder. A bit racist, even. OK, it turns out well in the end but I’ve never been comfortable about it. I’m not at RP or NB that Sunday, so if you could all listen carefully to the sermon, please, and add to it with your own reflections, and then explain it to me later, I’d be grateful.

Meanwhile I shall rejoice in that glorious affirmation at the end of the Romans reading on July 30th.

The idea is that you read these passages ahead of worship on a Sunday to give yourself time to think on them and maybe get a bit more from the sermon. Actually it’s just worth reading them anyway.

Angus

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COFFEE MORNINGS

Please come along any Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12.00 for coffee and a chat, or to pray, meditate or visit Whiteladies Road. There are always biscuits or cakes available!

These will be running in July, then a break in August, and we start again in September. If you can come and help, please see

Carol Fry
Redland Park Church Calendar

July and August 2023 at Redland Park URC.

Sunday services @ 10.30am. (At church and on Zoom)

July.

2nd Rev Rachel Haig
9th Rev Sian Collins
16th Rev Dougie Burnett
23rd Rev Michael Docker
30th Rev Dougie Burnett

August.

6th Angus Gregson
13th Rev Sam Hackett
20th Norman Whitaker.
27th Rev Meryl White

Zoom log in; 732 001 8996; passcode 8C7zV

Sunday Evening service @ 7pm.

July

9th Taise Worship.
23rd Congregation led worship.

August.

13th and 27th Congregation led worship.

Zoom log in; 815 4053 7777; passcode 087103

Cell Groups.

Mondays, 8.00pm.
Zoom log in; 831 5113 5751; passcode 508239

Tuesdays, 7.30pm.
Zoom log in; 312 983 3387; passcode 795550

Elders Meeting.

5th July, 7.30pm at 88 Berkeley Road, BS7 8HG.

Church Meeting.

16th July, 11.50am in church

Deadline for contributions for the September Recorder is 27th August.

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