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# The Recorder

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News and views from Redland Park &  
New Brunswick United Reformed Churches



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# New Brunswick Update

## Preachers for 11 am Services

October 2021

3rd Leprosy Mission Sunday

10th Sue Cossey

17th Angus Gregson ( will include Communion)

24th Harvest Festival. This will be led by the

Moderator The Rev. Ruth Whitehead.

31st Les Fry and friends

November

7th Angus Gregson

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm. Joint churches prayer meeting. Venue to be advised.

Friday 15th October at 2.30pm will be our next Church Meeting. This will be held at the church.

Sunday 24th October will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This year our gifts will be donated to North Bristol Food Bank. There will be a list of items required on the back table of the church.

Wednesday 27th October 11am at St Stephens will be the next Joint Churches' Meeting.

After many months of closure because of Covid two of our regular groups have recommenced these are.....

History Group which meets on a Wednesday morning at 10am. Sewing Group which meets on Monday afternoon from 1.30pm. Any ability as there will be help and advice on hand.

A warm welcome can be assured at both of these meetings. No doubt a cup of tea will also be on offer!

We continue to uphold to God those known to us who need our prayers at this time. We think of **John W, Wenda, Margaret, David F, Ivy P**, Asking God to minister to each as their needs require. May they also be assured of our love and best wishes.

We think of those of our congregation who will be celebrating during the month of October.

**Becky and Nick** who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 12th.

**Ivy P** who will be celebrating a very special day on 17th as she reaches her 90th Birthday.

We wish these and anyone else celebrating something special during October a Very Happy Day surrounded by family and friends.

# Vestry Vibes by Douglas Burnett



Dear friends,

The end of this month sees the meeting of COP26. In case you were wondering, and many do, COP26 stands for the 26th Conference Of the Parties. It is the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference. It is scheduled to be held in the city of Glasgow, Scotland between 31 October and 12 November 2021, under the presidency of the United Kingdom. You have only got to watch a little bit of television, or listen to the radio, to know how pervasive the issue has become, and rightly so. Our Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland will be doing what it can to get all our church members to use Sunday October 31st as a consciously low carbon Sunday. This might be as simple as getting to church in as a carbon-neutral manner as possible. It may be a day for reflection on the assumptions we have made as to how we relate to the world around us, and our previous expectations. It may be thinking again about the resources that we use. It may be

about meditating on a Bible passage, or time for silent prayer. Whatever we do, it is about planning for that day as a particular marker, and that we should pray for those who will be gathering in Glasgow for those hugely important discussions and decisions that will affect us all.

On the last Sunday in September we had our Harvest Service. We read the Genesis account of creation in Genesis 1. Even as I read that today I find it the most remarkable insight into the diversity of creation. We read also Psalm 65. That is one of the psalms that celebrates creation. Again it conveys the most remarkable insight. If you are looking for devotional material for that last Sunday in October, you could always start there.

For our Harvest Service on September 26th, we had the following reflection from the Reverend Bohyun Kim, minister of the Bristol Korean Church. Bohyun will be taking up a new post as General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. We celebrate that remarkable appointment. He will be the head of a denomination with 2.5 million members. We thank Bohyun for his wonderful ministry with us. We will be looking for further ministry to continue the Redland Park-BKC partnership. But in the meantime we will also work together on

the challenge of climate change. With that in mind, these were Bohyun's words from our Harvest celebration:

Bohyun's Reflection:

"There is 'Noah's Ark and Zoo farm' near Bristol. I believe we would have heard Noah's flood story at Sunday School. According to Genesis, Noah's ark was enormous. The SS Great Britain is a Bristol's pride. She is 322ft in length. Then God said to Noah, the Ark should be built 450ft in length. What was surprising was that the Ark was larger than the 19th century's fruit of engineering. Of course, it would have been a long time to build. Some say it took 100 years, some say it was 70 years, but the Bible does not say exactly how many years. However, there is another surprising fact. Except for Noah's family, no one was saved on that large Ark. There were no friends, enemies or relatives among the survivors. We are already living in an irreversible environment. It's a reality that no one could have imagined two years ago. A more serious problem is approaching us than these Corona Pandemics. It's the crisis of climate change. According to the report, the tipping point for environmental disasters is an average temperature rise of 1.5 degrees. However, that time is expected to be faster than the original 2050. Governments and churches in each country are also issuing statements and urging action accordingly. There is no point in believing, knowing, and speaking about. We have to get on the Ark. Members of the Korean Church are carrying out 'Green church movement' to cool down the heated earth. They listen to lectures on environmental issues, think about what can be practiced in church life, and try to get close to eco-friendly food through 'the life table movement'. It is already said that the climate crisis is irrecoverable. Nevertheless, even if staying at home did not defeat COVID-19, it gave time to develop a vaccine. As a Christian, small practices are needed for the heated earth and a painful environment. Although it is impossible to treat the already sick Earth, we still have a chance to turn around. The door to the ark is still open."

*Dougie*



**Sheila Smart** has now moved into Avenue House in Cotham and is happily settled there. She had to undergo two weeks of isolation there, after two weeks of isolation in the rehab ward, but can now have visitors in the garden room, where you are separated by a glass wall. We send every blessing to her.

Following the closure of our church building in March 2020, and then **Michael Kearley's** retirement in June this year, our **church choir** decided that they would not continue singing in church as a choir, and we thank them for their many years' service. Congratulations in particular to **Viv Hayden** who has retired from an amazing 57 years of singing in Redland Park. She made her first appearance as a soprano on 6 September, 1964 in the church choir but has now hung up her gown. This record might only be eclipsed by **Joan Parker**, the wife of **Stanley Parker**, organist and choirmaster here for 33 years.

We pray for a successful eye operation for **Bryan Jenkins** on 4 October, and hope it makes a big difference to his sight.

Our thoughts and prayers go to **Jane Beazer**, currently undergoing chemotherapy and shielding at home. We pray for improving health for Jane, as well as **John Turner**, **Peter Lunt** and **Brian Day**, together with everyone

who uses our prayer box. Please pray for our members and friends who are recovering from illness or operations; it is difficult to visit and support as much as we would like in the lockdown but they are in our prayers and thoughts. Dear God, please uphold these friends and surround them in your loving care.

**COP26** is being held in Glasgow later in the year; the Youth Christian Climate Network has young people walking from Cornwall to Glasgow, 750 miles to link the G7 meeting to COP26 and they came through Bristol from 13 to 16 July, when several Redland Park people took part in various activities. RELAY | YCCN <https://www.yccn.uk>. We pray for success for them in all they are doing.

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 Afghanistan and Libya at this time. We also pray for countries suffering from natural disasters such as the volcano in the Canaries, floods in China and India, wildfires in California and Greece, and the earthquake in Haiti.

## Prayer page:

Forgive us, Lord, for mentioning our rubbish in our prayers.

We would rather enjoy the fruits of creation and forget about the consequences.

Forgive us our polluted water, our toxic soil and sulphurous air.

Forgive us all the dumped surpluses, the slag heaps and piles of scrap.

We thank you for the signs of your forgiveness;

For the plants and trees which colonise even the most unsightly ground;

For the animals and birds, who learn to live in secret places in our urban sprawl

And turn our rubbish to good account.

We thank you for those who deal with our rubbish, who keep our streets and houses healthy;

Who guard us against poisons and radiation, or who turn our waste into new riches.

We pray for those for whom the rubbish tip is the only source of food and wealth,

Picking through others' leavings in the search to keep their family alive.

Most generous giver, from whose creation there is enough for all and to spare, make us wise stewards of the earth's treasure and generous to one another.

Amen

### Please pray for:

Mal and Janet Owen

Jane Beazer

Sheila Smart as she settles into her new home

Bohyun as he starts his new job in South Korea

The congregations of Redland Park and the Korean church as they begin to gather together again.

All the people who sit in our garden and ask for personal prayers

Sarah and Keith

Jill

The people of Afghanistan

Refugees and asylum seekers

Loving God, be near to each one and support and comfort them in their suffering. Let them feel your love

Amen





Thank you to everybody who joined in our Big Brekkie event on  
5th September, enabling us to raise £101 for Christian Aid.

A combination of sunshine, fellowship, great breakfast food and music and dancing in Dan Hirsch's pergola created a great atmosphere in which we could all enjoy being physically back together as a church family.



Gathering



Smiling



Dancing



Mixing

Next Big Brekkie is planned for Christian Aid Week in May 2022  
See you there !

Les Fry

# Redland Park Church Calendar

## Dates for October 2021

Wed 6th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Sat 9th	10.00am	Church family day at Barton Camp Contact Les Fry if you wish to go
Sun 10th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
	7.00pm	Evening Worship led by members
Sun 17th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
Sun 24th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett
	7.00pm	Evening Worship led by members
Sun 31st	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev. Dougie Burnett

## November 2021

Wed 3rd	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Sun 7th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion Led by Rev. Dougie Burnett



### THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

Looking for an evening of giant, poverty-beating, community-building fun? You've found it!

On Friday 26 November 2021, at 7.30pm, Redland Park and New Brunswick Churches will take part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night – and you can be part of it.

Since 2018, tens of thousands of people have taken part in a Big Quiz Night, raising over £675,000 to help end poverty.

TEARFUND'S BIG QUIZ NIGHT will be held at Redland Park Church (online by zoom) hosted by Angus Gregson. Please come and test your grey cells, and help us raise some funds for this wonderful charity. The link will be sent out nearer the time.

### BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The night shelter this year will be run on similar lines to last year, but running from November through to March 2022. We hope that Redland Park Church will be able to support this and have opted for Wednesday lunchtimes. This will entail supplying sandwiches, fruit, soft drinks, biscuits or cakes, etc, for about eight people once a week.

Redland Park members were very supportive last year, with home-made cakes and biscuits especially, and it would be great if this could happen again. Watch this space!

Carol Fry



## The COP26 Climate Conference, Glasgow, November 2021.

*In June world leaders of the 7 richest nations came together at the G7 summit, but they did not deliver on our calls for climate justice. We are united in our criticism and dismay of the lack of action taken, and we must make sure world leaders are in no doubt that this was not good enough. By standing together, praying and taking action, we can still hope for a better outcome at this November's climate summit, COP26. We must continue to speak out, so our collective call for justice cannot be ignored. (Christian Aid Prayer Chain Resources, July)*

In an effort to bring leaders' attention to the seriousness of the Climate crisis and the urgent need for action now, the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) is journeying along the length of our island in their pilgrimage to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. Two start points (one from St Ives starting immediately after the G7 conference there, and one from St Davids, Wales ) converged in Bristol on 12 July.

A group of us from Redland Park (Myra Jones, Angus Gregson, Alison Hooper), plus others from Bristol churches, (Wendy Hopkins and Margaret Postlethwaite) joined the YCCN relay walk section from Bradley Stoke to College Green following the Community Forest path to Purdown then on through St Werburghs to the Bristol city centre. It was good

to think we were helping the YCCN raise awareness of their pilgrimage to Glasgow.

We pray for hope and determination to build fairer world, even in the face of setbacks.

A prayer from the Christian Aid Prayer Chain Resources, July

Dear Father, The Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) is journeying along the length of our island in their pilgrimage to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. In your name, they ask for climate justice and fair climate finance for all nations. Bless everyone involved in the relay – those walking, those involved in local celebrations, those online, and those joining in prayer. Inspire all of us to seek change and put compassion and understanding into the hearts of governments and decision makers. In this crucial year for the future of our earth, help us to rise to the moment. Father strengthen us. And lead us to justice. Many are still feeling the repercussions of the Covid pandemic. We pray for those who are mourning loved ones, experiencing ill health, or suffering from loss of livelihood. In this moment of rebuilding our communities afresh, help us to work towards sustainability, equality, and peace. Inspire us and our governments to build back better. Help us to rise to the moment. Father strengthen us. And lead us to justice. Today, this year, and always, help us all to rise to the moment. We ask this for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



## Faith leaders sign common declaration ahead of COP26

*A declaration signed by leaders of all the UK's major faiths has been released ahead of the COP26 Conference in Glasgow. The document has been signed on behalf of the Scottish Catholic Bishops, by Bishop Brian McGee, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles and President of the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interreligious dialogue and Sr Isabel Smyth of the Sisters of Notre Dame and Secretary to the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Inter-religious Dialogue:*

### Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for COP26

Our faith communities are united in caring for human life and the natural world. We share a belief in a hopeful future, as well as an obligation to be responsible in caring for our common home, the Earth.

We recognise the opportunities that COP26 brings in addressing the urgent need for action in limiting the effects of climate change and the critical importance of decisions made in this conference to take forward the agreement made in Paris in 2015.

People have exploited the planet, causing climate change.

We recognise that the burden of loss and damage falls most heavily on people living in poverty, especially women and children.

We acknowledge the commitments made through the Lambeth Declaration in 2015. Now, because of the gravity of our situation, the impact of climate change around the world, and the inequality of its effects we seek to strengthen those commitments.

We commit to respond to this challenge by:

Reflecting deeply in prayer, meditation and worship to discern how to care for the

earth and each other, and to encourage our respective communities to do the same.

Making transformational change in our own lives and in the lives of our communities through individual and collective action.

Being advocates for justice by calling on governments, businesses and others who exercise power and influence to put into effect the Paris agreement; to make the transition to a just and green economy a priority; and to commit to science-based targets that are aligned with a healthy, resilient, zero-emissions future.

We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees, and of Article 17 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to protect the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity. We call upon them to take the urgent action needed to avert the loss, damage, and forced migration threatened by climate change.

We look to governments to work together and with others to create a positive vision for 2050 where addressing climate change is not just an opportunity to stop burning fossil fuels, but also: to achieve cleaner air and water; to reduce food wastage; to ensure a just and equitable sharing of the earth's resources; and to protect the habitats we share with all other life on whose health we also depend.

Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope

for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations. To offer hope in the world we need to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26.

Glasgow Multifaith Declaration 20/09/2021

Our collective energy and prayers will be with those working for a successful outcome.

*Signed by:*

UK Senior Faith Leaders

Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

Lindsay Taylor, Muslim Council of Scotland and Chair of Interfaith Scotland

Dr Srihari Vallabhajousula, Honorary Priest, Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, Glasgow

Ameed Versace, Climate Officer, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society

Revd Paul Whittle, Moderator of The United Reformed Church National Synod of Scotland

Rev. George Whyte, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Rabbi Moshe Rubin, Giffnock and Newlands

Hebrew Congregation, Senior Rabbi of Scotland

Shaykh Sohaib Saeed, Al-Furqan Mosque

Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg, Senior Rabbi of Masorti Judaism UK

Imam Hassan Rabbani, Imam of Zia-Ul-Quran Mosque, Chair of Scottish Muslim Forum

Lama Yeshe Choje Losal Rinpoche

Madhu Jain, Hindu Mandir Scotland

Revd Dr Martin Johnstone, Glasgow Churches Together COP26 Ambassador

Scottish Religious Leaders & Representatives

The Rt Hon Lord Jim Wallace of Tankerness, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Elizabeth Allen, Clerk, General Meeting for Scotland, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Imam Sohail Ashfaq, Blackhall Mosque

Lt-Col Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army

Revd David Coleman, Minister of the United Reformed Church and Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland

Allan Forsyth and Isadora Quay, on behalf of the Baha'i Community of Scotland

Rev Bonnie Evans Hills, convener Scottish Episcopal Church Interfaith Relations Committee

# Keeping up with the vicar Pt 118 Angus Gregson

This series started twelve years ago. In part 2, I wondered how people had got on with part 1.

It began...

Did you try reading the readings ahead of the service? Did it help? Did you feel you had more a feel for what they were saying when it came to the sermon? Why not write in to the Recorder and share your ideas?

If you haven't tried it yet, here are the lectionary readings for October. We tend to pick two or three of them, but is there a common message coming through them all? Try reading them sometime before Sunday worship and see if helps you get more from the sermon. If it's a visiting preacher they might not use any of them, but there's no harm in a bit of extra Bible reading, is there?

After Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah, the promised chosen one of God, back in chapter 8, and God's affirmation of his son by the transfiguration, at the start of chapter 9, Jesus has been heading inexorably towards Jerusalem. Chapter 11 is missing from the lectionary here because it records the start of Holy Week; we had it back in March.

Packing in the teaching on the journey, there's radical teaching on the status of women and children, on wealth, and on the demands of true discipleship. Just in chapter 10 of Mark we read his disciples were "amazed", "even more amazed", "astonished", "afraid" Why? Would we have been? Do we feel the same as we hear these passages now? Shouldn't we?

The selection of Psalms include some real highlights: from the awe and wonder of Psalm 8; to the praise of God, our refuge, in Psalm 91; and the longest of all the Psalms, 119, which sets out its key point in v1 and then spends the next 175 verses putting it in different ways.

So, those questions I asked in part 2...

Oct	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
3rd	Genesis 2:18-24	8	Mark 10:2-16	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
10th	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	90:12-17	Mark 10: 17-31	Hebrews 4:12-16
17th	Isaiah 53:4-12	91:1-2, 9-16	Mark 10:35-45	Hebrew 5:1-10
24th	Jeremiah 31:7-9	126	Mark 10:46-52	Hebrews 7:23-28
31st	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	119:1-8	Mark 12:28-34	Hebrews 9:11-14
Nov				
7th	1Kings 17:8-16	146	Mark 12:38-44	Hebrews 9:24-28

REDLAND PARK at BARTON CAMP 2021

Saturday 9th October.

10am to 4pm.



Swimming pool



Classroom

Come and join us for;

Climate Change Activities

Play reading

Art & Craft,

Cake making

Adventure Playground

Den building

Swimming

Walk to Crooks Peak

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Packed lunches!



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