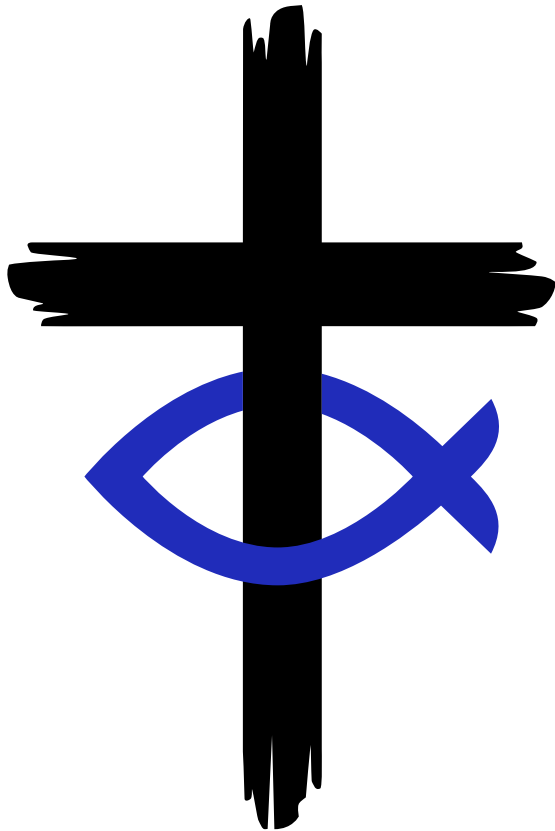


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The Recorder

October '22

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



New Brunswick Update

Preachers for 11 am Services

October
2nd Brenda Drake
9th Angus Gregson (will include Communion)
16th Harvest Thanksgiving led by Les Fry
23rd Ruth Browning
30th Rev. Douglas Burnett

November
6th Angus Gregson
13th Angus Gregson (will include Communion)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

4th October. Joint Southmead Churches prayer meeting. Hosted by Kingsholm church at 7.30 pm.

12th October. The funeral of Mrs Dorothy Staynings will take place at 2pm.

16th October . Harvest Thanksgiving. This year our gifts will be donated to St Marks Baptist Church who run a Community Cafe. Many of the meals they provide are free to those who can't afford to pay.

23rd October. Redland Park is inviting us to Songs of Praise at 3pm to celebrate 50 years of the forming of the URC.

27th October. This will be our next church meeting and will commence at 7.30pm.

28th October. Southmead Quiz will be at 7pm. Nibbles, tea and coffee included in the £3 entrance. There will also be a raffle. Any profit will be donated to the Southmead Festival Fund.

29th October. Quiz and Cream Tea at 3pm. Booking essential.

1st November. Joint Southmead Churches Prayer meeting at 7.30pm. Hosted by St Stephens Church

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We continue to uphold **Liz** in prayer as she awaits news from recent tests.

Although not of our fellowship we uphold our friend **Kathy** from the Pentecostal Church to God in prayer as she undergoes treatment for Cancer. We remember all the folk at the Pentecostal Church who are missing Kathy' leadership. We ask that God be with them as they go through this difficult time.

We think of all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Upholding to God the family and friends of **Mrs Dorothy Staynings** may they all know the comforting presence and loving arms of God around them.

We pray for **Diesel** who has 'left home' for the first time to go to University. Praying that he will settle well and enjoy this next stage in his educational journey.

Those who have something to celebrate during October and the beginning of November know God's Blessing. We think of **Becky and Nick** who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on 12th October. Those celebrating birthdays at the start of November are **Nat** on the 1st. **Zac** on the 3rd and **Liz** on 5th. We wish them all a very Happy Day. One full of God's Blessings.

Vestry Vibes

by Douglas Burnett



Dear friends,

Where were you when you heard that the Queen had died? For me the first that I knew about anything was walking down Whiteladies Road on the Thursday after noon and receiving a phone notification on my mobile that the Queen was "unwell." It struck me as rather curious that such a notification should come through if this was indeed a minor thing. A few hours later the official announcement was made. By then most of those on the various news programmes were wearing black, so, in truth, we know what was coming.

The period of mourning was remarkable. Who will ever forget about "The Queue." To be part of that was not unlike a pilgrimage. It was a long journey in terms of the hours being largely stood in the queue as those waiting to pay their respects edged slowly forward to pay their respects in Westminster Hall. Perhaps all of this reminded us that even though we have become a largely secular country, there is still something within the human makeup that still senses for the other. Secular society has little time to do with the issues of death and dying, and what may lie beyond. But with the Queen's death, there was, at least for 10 days, the unavoidable necessity to deal with at least some of those issues.

But the funeral service itself was beautifully crafted. Notably the address by the Archbishop of Canterbury was not

so much about all the things that the Queen might have done and achieved. It was much more about faith, and the Queen as a servant, a life lived in service. It was very much about hope. I rather suspect that all of this had been thought through many years ago, and that Her Majesty had specified how she wished to be remembered.

For the day of the funeral we all stopped. We all shared in that act of worship. Even though it was a day of mourning and loss, somehow that note of hope came shining through. And then the next day it was somehow all back to normal. The headlines are pretty grim, and might get grimmer still. But even so, there was that other message of hope and of life beyond suffering. That in essence is the Christian Gospel. This is what we live by.

We pray for the King and the other members of the royal family. We pray for the King as he also seeks to reign by the Christian faith, which is also his.

Dougie

Dougie



Congratulations again to **Emma and James Hollands** on the birth of a baby last month; she is called **Cassia** and was christened on 2 October, surrounded by family and friends.

We have missed **Audrey Bryant** over the last few weeks; she has been suffering from back problems for some time, spent a few days in hospital and, by the time you read this, we hope she is having some respite care in Westbury House.

We look forward to seeing **Linda Croft** again; she has been suffering from Covid for a week or more so we hope she feels well enough to return to church soon.

We continue our prayers for **Andrew Sims** and his family, and **Jane Beazer** and hers, especially her daughter **Suzie Atkins**, hoping their treatment will be successful. Jane has a new treatment regime which we hope will improve things. We pray for **Lucy Pedlar** about to undergo some hospital treatment, which we hope is successful.

We haven't seen **Janet Lockyer** since before the pandemic and lockdowns, but she is well and would like to return to church. However, she does need a lift, and two people to help her get in and out of the car. If you are able to help please see Les Fry.

We continue to pray for **Teame and Teblez Mebrahtu**, still supporting **Zeb and Paris**, and Teblez is not very well either. Please pray for them all.

The induction to Tyndale Baptist Church took place last week of the **Revd Sam King**; we pray for his ministry there and send our best wishes. He grew up in Bristol but has been a nurse in London until his call to the ministry, and he was at Calne Baptist Church before Tyndale. His father was minister at Westbury on Trym Baptist Church.

We pray for the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter that it is able to provide for several homeless people through the winter, and that they appreciate the care provided by many churches around the city, and are able to get their lives back together and move on with support.

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, and for Russia that their leader develops some humanity

We also pray for countries suffering from natural disasters, especially those areas suffering from the effects of Climate Change bringing drought and famine to countries in Africa and floods to Pakistan.

You are warmly welcomed to join members of the local community and churches of Clifton, Cotham and Redland for this lively, informative evening event, featuring talks and discussion.



'What we do over the next three to four years, I believe, is going to determine the future of humanity'

Former UK Chief Scientist,
Sir David King,
speaking in 2021

Photo: Simon Holliday

OUR FUTURE NEEDS YOU!

Are you worried about the Climate Crisis and what it means for our kids?
Do you want to know what we can do about it?



This event is organised with the support of the Climate Justice Group of Redland Park United Reformed Church



REDLAND PARK CHURCH
MON 24TH OCTOBER

6-8pm

Doors Open for Free Refreshments
From 5.30pm



For more information: www.redlandparkurc.org/news

A Grand Adventure!

BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

The night shelter will be opening again on 1 November (to March 2023) with the same format as last year, rooms taken at the same B&B Hotel in Southville, but nine rooms this year up from eight last year. Redland Park has committed to provide and serve lunch on Wednesdays and several people have already volunteered to go down and serve, with others providing sandwiches, or fruit, fruit juice, crisps and biscuits or cakes.

The guests are referred by St Mungo's charity for homeless people, and those who are taken in have their own room, either en suite or sharing with two others, use of a washing machine and tumble dryer, and of particular help is the use of a laptop so they can find work, open a bank account and arrange future accommodation.

If you are able to help at all, please see Alison, Les or Carol.



On Friday 26th August we left The Old Forge, a holiday cottage in Suffolk where we had spent a week after a family wedding and travelled to Greenbelt Festival, at Boughton House near Kettering.

Having arrived we lugged our camp gear across 3 fields to our 'Camplight' pre-pitched tent! We were on the edge of a sea of tents. We were out of puff but feeling excited because later on we

planned to explore the festival grounds. Entering the site we had to hold up our arms to show our festival wrist bands, there were people of all ages, including lots of babies riding in trolleys!

Over the weekend there was a wide range of things to do including... listening to music at various stages, stands sharing the work of different charities, talks and discussion groups, singing and crafting, worship and prayer. The URC is celebrating 50 years and they had a strong presence near the main stage. There was also a huge choice of food from around the globe! We enjoyed the wood fired pizza, yum.

Greenbelt is a festival of arts, faith and justice, providing lots of opportunities to explore, reflect and question how we put our faith in to action. Unsurprisingly, this year there was a huge emphasis on the climate crisis and how our faith should inspire us to re-imagine the future. With 3 children in tow, it was rather difficult to engage with some of the more serious debates but speakers included Caroline Lucas of the Green Party, former Archbishop Rowan Williams, John Bell of the Iona Community, Richard Dawkins amongst many, many others.

Sunday morning saw everyone gather for a worship where we considered how the world will look in 30years... Familiar hymns like All Things Bright and Beautiful had been rewritten with rather more uncomfortable words. We also thought about the power that faith in God brings to our positive actions in re-creating his world. The time to act is now.

Jonah says,
My favourite thing about Greenbelt was making and creating. I made a willow lantern and pom poms.

Robin says,

My favourite thing was spending my money on an alien wrist band. (Twice, as the first was misplaced!)

Elined says,
I enjoyed playing with the Story Box. (Out of the Box story play) and Mr Wow and his giant bubbles!

Andy says,
I enjoyed listening to Martin Joseph, some 30 years (surely not...) after first seeing him at Greenbelt.

Helen says,
Joining in with The Iona Community Big Sing, lead by John Bell and sharing Taize worship were highlights for me.

We were blessed with 3 dry nights and sunny days to enjoy our first festival

camping. We left with the sense that we had been adventuring together as a family but also with a wider community, all with a joint passion for realising God's kingdom here on earth

REDLAND PARK – BOOK SALE

Thank you to everyone who helped at the book sale on Saturday 24 September. We were blessed with good weather and lots of passers by. Setting up was from 9.30am, and people started looking at books almost immediately. We had a good supply of books and although we sold a lot, there still seem to be a lot left for the Christian Aid Fair next May!

We made £150 in cash and an extra £19 by card, which will be going towards our two church charities - The Vine Trust and the North Bristol Food Bank.

Climate Justice - Food

Over 33% of all human made greenhouse gas emissions arise from food production. Even if we stop all other emissions, at current rates food production alone will push Earth past 1.5°C of warming. So we have to do something to change that.

One simple change, if you haven't done it yet, is just to eat less (no?) meat, especially beef. Beef needs many times more land and water than the equivalent nutritional amount of, say, chicken, and over 150 times more land than rice or potatoes, as well as producing a lot more greenhouse gases - the famous cow burps (not farts.)

What I find even more disturbing, not just from a climate perspective but because of the number of people in the world still without adequate food, are the figures for food waste. (I'm taking this to mean the food that's left the farm but doesn't get eaten.)

If food waste alone were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gas in the world behind the USA and China. Food waste accounts for up to 10% of all global carbon emissions. That's more than four times the amount of carbon dioxide produced by the world's entire aviation industry.

How can we cut down on food waste? Over half of it is from homes and almost half of that is food thrown out because it's past its "Best by..." date. Another quarter is left over binned because the portions were too big. Simple: only buy what you know you're going to eat. Only cook the amount you know will be eaten. If you're eating out and the portion is too large, let them know - how else will they know they need to change?

In 2015 the UN set a target to reduce food waste and food losses along the supply chain by a half by 2030. Our government signed up to the targets but unfortunately, as so often, hasn't put the policies in place to achieve them. There's quite a lot we can each do individually, but governments need to act too. France wastes far less food than us simply because it's illegal for supermarkets to throw food away. By law, they have to give it to food banks or charities. Kerry



McCarthy, Bristol East's MP, introduced a bill seven years ago merely requiring supermarkets to cut waste by 30%. The bill got nowhere because the government wouldn't give it time. Is it time they addressed this again?

FareShare, the country's biggest food redistribution charity, reckons we currently only save about 10% of the surplus food from supermarkets and hospitality. Called to be stewards of God's creation, can we not do a lot better?

Boiler update.

Alison talked about condensing boilers last month. Two top tips to reduce gas use and also save you money.

The Obvious One: press the Eco button. Instead of regularly turning itself on to keep the water in it hot, the boiler only turns on when you open a hot tap. You'll need to run a bit more water till it comes through hot, but I collect mine and use it to water the houseplants.

The temperature control: there'll be a dial on the front of your boiler that has temperatures on or (like mine) numbers 1-6. It'll probably be set at 80°C or 5-6. That's unnecessarily hot, the boiler won't be as efficient, and you'll just burn excess gas. Turn it down to 55°C or 3-3½. In the coldest parts of winter you may need to turn it up a little but don't forget to drop it back down again once the ice melts.

Angus

Litter Pick at Redland Park.

As part of our Redland Park Climate Justice initiative on Saturday 24th September, eight stalwart litter pickers assembled outside at the Redland Park garden. Our numbers had been virtually doubled by the arrival of the Grand family, Andy and three children. Myra had borrowed the litter picking tools - clear plastic bags for the litter, hoops to keep the bags open and litter picking sticks - from the Westbury on Trym litter picking group.

Each armed with the right equipment, we set off in pairs to do our bit for the local area as part of Big Green Week. We divided our forces to cover Redland Park, Exeter Buildings, Burlington Road, Greenway Road, Elgin Park, East and West Shrubbery, Lower Redland Road and Whiteladies Road as far as the Urijah Thomas Memorial on Blackboy Hill.

Many passers-by en-route expressed their appreciation for our work. The roads were not too strewn with litter, the worst was cigarette butts outside any places where people might congregate. But it's tiring work. After an hour and a half, we began to wane, so gradually made our way back to Redland Park.

Thank you to Angus, Myra, Jane Penrose, Andy, Jonah, Robin, Elined and Les F for turning up and helping on the day. We hope to do the same next year and maybe cover a wider area within the Whiteladies Road locality, hopefully with the help of the other churches .

Here are the Lectionary readings for October and the first Sunday in November. Jesus is still on his final journey towards Jerusalem – he set out in our reading on 26th June and by the end of the month he's got as far as Jericho. Just the long haul - literally and spiritually - up to Jerusalem for the final time.

Over the last few months, since Pentecost, we've a good run through Luke's gospel and in this month's readings we see some of the earlier themes recurring. Jesus has had an ongoing verbal battle with the Pharisees, the very people who really should have recognised his divinity. There's a huge irony in their complaint, noted in 15:2. And instead, we get a story about a second good Samaritan - this time the only healed leper who praised God for his healing. The lost being reached out to and found.

And as Jesus is repeatedly criticised by Pharisees for whom he consorts with at mealtimes, he not only tells a pointed story about a Pharisee and a tax collector, but then puts it into action as he goes to eat with Zacchaeus and brings about a remarkable transformation.

2 Timothy shows an unfamiliar picture of Paul: old, weary, knowing death isn't far off, and feeling abandoned by almost everyone he had relied on in Asia (i.e. Turkey). And yet he still confidently places his trust in Christ who he know gives him strength to carry on spreading the gospel.

Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon.

Oct	Old Testament	Psalms	Gospel	NT
2nd	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	37:1-9	Luke 17:5-10	2 Timothy 1:1-14
9th	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15	111	Luke 17:11-19	2 Timothy 2:8-15
16th	Genesis 32:22-31	121	Luke 18:1-8	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
23rd	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	84:1-7	Luke 18:9-14	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
30th	Isaiah 1:10-18	32:1-7	Luke 19:1-10	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Nov 6th	Job 19:23-27	17:1-9	Luke 20:27-38	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Redland Park Church Calendar

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

2nd Rev Dougie Burnett. *(including Communion)*

9th Rev Dougie Burnett

16th Rev Dougie Burnett.

23rd Rev Dougie Burnett.

30th Rev Sue Cossey

Zoom log in; 732 001 8996; passcode 8cC7Zv

7pm service.

9th and 23rd

Zoom log in; 815 4053 7777; passcode 087103

Elders Meeting.

5th at 7.30pm at church.

Church open for prayer.

Wednesdays between Midday and 2pm.

Cell Groups.

Mondays, 8.15pm.

Zoom log in; 831 5113 5751; passcode 508239

Tuesdays, 7.30pm.

Zoom log in; 312 983 3387; passcode 795550

SONGS OF PRAISE
Bristol Area Churches of URC

Sunday 23rd October, 3pm – 5.30pm

As part of the celebrations to mark 50th Anniversary of URC, we have invited our friends from all the Bristol URC congregations to Redland Park for a Songs of Praise gathering. Each Congregation has been invited to introduce a favourite hymn. Tea and cakes will be shared at the end of the afternoon.

More details from

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Elders list

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Suzie A	Anna A	Martyn	Les F	James G	Wendy D	Dougie B	Joyce D	Cathy W
Simon c	Alison H	Adam	Lucy P	Mel G	David H	Helena M	Roger J	Matt S
Catherine C	Vimbai F	Yanna	Nik P	Trevor F	Viv H	Alan B	Wendy J	Anna S
Judith D	Larry F	Tony M	Derek J	Debbie F	Emma/James H	Linda C	Sally K	Jane P
Laura J	Andy G	Verna M	Myra J	Angus	Christine J	Hannah H	Terry K	Dave P
Janet L	Helen G	Margaret P	Truida M	Isabella	Malcolm J	Daniel H	Alison L	Andrew S
John N	Florence M	Richard S	Charmaine M	Jane P	Jean K	Rachel L	Peter L	Suzie S
Anne N	Lewis M	Caroline S	Andrew H	Richard P	Michael K		Rose-anna H	
	Teblez M	Sheila S	Jane R				Steve H	
	Teame M	Joan t	Jess R					
		John T						

A LETTER FROM CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

To Redland Park URC, Bristol

Dear Redland Park,

I would like to acknowledge the contribution from your membership – totalling £167.50 - towards Church Action 2022 Poverty Sunday. We note the Gift Aid envelopes received from the individuals and I will be sending separate acknowledgements as necessary directly to these persons. This gives 25% more to the charity.

We do appreciate support from our faith community especially at this time, during a public health crisis. Financial contributions help us to support ordinary people to do extraordinary things – overcoming the stigma of poverty - and helping to build a more just society.

Kindly express our gratitude to all! Please join us as we celebrate at various events throughout the year by visiting our website for details <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/40years/>
Best wishes!

Gloria Martin Office Manager / Administrator Church Action on Poverty

Deadline for contributions for the November Recorder is 30th October.

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