

Wallington United Reformed Church



CONTACT

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Dear Friends,

Around my house are many objects that I have brought home from other places, have been given to me by a guest or received by me when I was visiting someone else. I suspect many of your homes have a similar collection. Some may be of considerable material value however I suspect that the value of most of them is in the memories they hold – memories of places visited, people met or occasions shared. Several of these objects to be found in our house are sitting on the shelves in my study. From where I sit I can see a scallop shell which I have used in baptisms, there's a small drum which my father brought back from Kenya when I was about 9 years old and there's a holding cross which I received at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea. However it was something else that caught my eye earlier today – a Talking Feather.

I need to say straight away that this isn't a feather which talks but is a simply decorated large feather which comes from the Menominee Native American people in Wisconsin. When



they gather in council there is one Talking Feather. Whilst a person holds the feather they are the only one allowed to speak and when they are finished talking they pass it on to the next speaker. I'm impressed by this tradition because it seeks to ensure that anyone with

something to say is able to do so without being interrupted or spoken over and it also encourages the others present to listen to what is being said rather than trying to get their own words out. It encourages respect and it also affirms the value of everyone's contribution.

The Church Meeting is an important part of our tradition where we invite all members to share in the decision making of the church, not because we are democratic but because we believe everyone's contribution is valuable and any one of us may draw attention to God's way. I have been present at meetings where, after several people have spoken on a matter, someone who doesn't often say anything speaks and their contribution significantly affects the meeting's direction.

I've never actually brought the Talking Feather to a Church Meeting or Elders' Meeting but I hope the respect for others and the valuing of each contribution is at the heart of what we do anyway. More than this however, in a world which too often seems full of shouting and empty of respect, I hope that the attention we give to others in our church community is something that we offer in all our conversations: giving time to those who may be talked over or shouted down, listening attentively to what is being said and being willing to share our insights when it's our turn.

Craig Bowman

Our Wider Community

As the infections have increased, we ask your prayers for all those ill with Covid-19. We think of all who have tested positive for the Coronavirus and hope they will be able to make a speedy recovery.

We think of, and pray for, all those who are caring for hospital in-patients, residents in Care Homes, the elderly and all who need support at this time.

We pray that the booster vaccines will be taken up when offered as they are designed to help improve the protection from the first two doses. This also helps to give longer-term protection against becoming seriously ill from Covid-19.

We ask your prayers for those who are anxious or unwell, whether they are part of a church family, or not, and we remember all those who are housebound or have difficulties at this time.

Also all friends, relations, colleagues and all those in our wider world that are feeling under the weather, lost, forgotten or just out of sorts.

May God grant you his peace.

If you have any news of the church family to bring us up to date please contact Alan. 020 8274 2136

Or Email: pastoral@wurc.org.uk

Names will only be shared in the version of Contact which goes to our usual fellowship and not put into the version posted on our website.



Remembering Those We Have Lost:-

'Afterglow' (Anon)

*I'd like the memory of me to be a
happy one.*

*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



Thanksgiving and Memorial Service

Sunday 21st November

The lives of so many families, individuals, and households have changed since March 2020. Many have lost loved ones, friends, family members, companions or neighbours.

Our service on Sunday 21st November will take the form of a thanksgiving and memorial service. We will meet at our normal time of 10.30am and during the service we shall remember those known to us who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a thanksgiving and memorial for all who have died, for any reason, not only those who had the Coronavirus.

We shall include two different acts of remembrance.

In one we shall remember those from within the Wallington URC fellowship who have died since 1st March 2020. This will include those for whom a funeral service was held but people from the church family may not have been able to attend. We shall recall each of them and hear a few sentences about each of them.

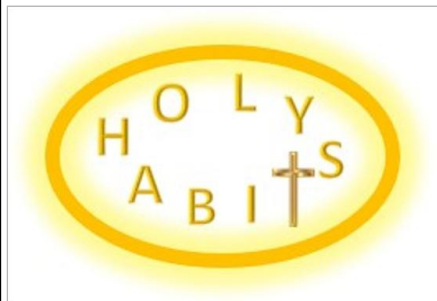
In the second act we shall read out the names of those known to members of the fellowship and our community who have died in the same time period. The person who died does not need to have had a connection to Wallington URC or any church, merely that someone wants them remembered in this service. If you, or anyone you know, wants someone to be remembered in the service please give their name to me, ideally by email, or to Alan Cruchley or Janet Willis. (Contact details are on the inside of the front cover)

If you are not able to join us at the service we will still read out the name of your loved one and remember them, however if you intend to come on the 21st November, and you don't normally join us on a Sunday morning, it would be helpful to know so that we are aware of the number we need to accommodate.

Craig Bowman minister@wurc.org.uk



Holy Habits returns!



Serving

Throughout November our Holy Habits discussion group will be running again.

It takes place, via Zoom,
on

Thursday 4th November
Wednesday 10th November
Thursday 18th November
Wednesday 24th November

Sessions start at 8.00pm and finish by approx 9.30pm.

Phil Hyde is leading the group each week. Everyone is welcome to join in. And if you can't make all four weeks, that's absolutely fine - each discussion will stand alone.

A Prayer for the faithful practice of Holy Habits:

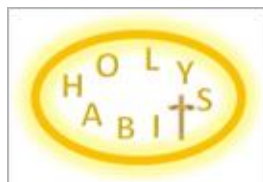
Endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint us...

Gracious and ever-loving God, we offer our lives to you.

Help us always to be open to your Spirit in our thoughts and feelings and actions.

Support us as we seek to learn more about those habits of the Christian life which, as we practise them, will form in us the character of Jesus by establishing us in the way of faith, hope and love.

Amen



Christmas is coming!

**Christmas Cards,
Wrapping Paper
& small stocking fillers**



**Come along to buy: Cakes,
DVDs, Books & a variety of
Christmassy 'Bits' at the front of the
church on:-**

Friday 12th November

Friday 19th November

Saturday 20th November

11.30am - 3.30pm

**And on Sunday mornings
through November**

Why not try something different?

Quiet @ St Mary's

3rd Thursday Monthly

All Welcome 10am - 2pm.



**An opportunity to leave behind the
strains and stresses of everyday life
in the beautiful
space of St Mary's Church
Beddington Park.**

**You will find activities to aid relaxation, quiet and
mindfulness, including
the opportunity to walk a labyrinth and enjoy
coffee and cake at The Tower Café.**

Walk and Talk



Walk and Talk is back!

First Saturday of each month, starting at 10am.

**We hope to offer gentle
3 miles/5km walks starting
somewhere fairly local.**

**Lots of opportunity to chat during the walk. On some
walks there may be opportunities for coffee afterwards.**

**We are setting up a Whatsapp group to communicate
details of walks and gather ideas for future ones.**

**If you'd like to join in or know more please
talk to Elaine or Chris.**



Commitment
for **Life** Prayer Partners resource offers
prayers based on 'Life-giving
faith, defiant hope, generous
love'. The prayers can be used to help people focus on
generosity of mind and spirit.

November: *Prayer for Black Lives Matter*

Naison M Hove

God of all life, Lord of all nations, God of all peoples. We thank you for our lord Jesus Christ, who did not allow any colour, or shade of the skin, to divide and break your community using the mantra of race, religion and ethnicity.

Lord, O Lord, we are dying because of blackness. Lord, we rejoice at the resurrection of our risen Lord, who conquered the evil of racial divide for all peoples on the Cross of Calvary. Lord Jesus Christ, you died on the Cross and rose to life. You liberated all, including people of colour and the Caucasian.

Lord, do "Black Lives Matter" in your world? Can black women and men sing a song of praise to God? Lord take pity upon the sheep of your flock. Grant us life, grant us hope, grant us a cure to the virus of racism.

In the name of the risen Lord,

we beseech you.

Amen.



Support for Local Charities

We have been supporting
'OFF THE RECORD'

for about 3 months.

They have a range of free, friendly and accessible support services for young people aged 14-25 who live, work or study in the Borough of Sutton.

We have raised **£235**

to donate to this very worthy cause.

Thank You

**We will be continuing, in various ways,
to raise money for local charities as we
head towards Christmas.**

**...By selling Face Coverings
...By selling Marmalade and Jam
...By selling Cakes**

And...

**....from our sales through November and
December on various days where you will
find Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper &
small Stocking Fillers, together with
Cakes, DVDs, Books
& a Variety of Christmassy 'Bits'**

| Diary Dates | | | |
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| November | | | |
| Sunday | 7th | 10.30am | Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...to be led by Revd Craig Bowman |
| Sunday | 14th | 10.30am | Morning service to be led by Dr Alan Cruchley |
| Sunday | 21st | 10.30am | Memorial Service to be led by Revd Craig Bowman |
| Sunday | 28th | 10.30am | Morning service to be led by |
| December | | | |
| Sunday | 5th | 10.30am | Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...to be led by Revd Craig Bowman |
| Sunday | 12th | 10.30am | Morning service to be led by Dr Alan Cruchley |

PLEASE NOTE...Articles for the December 2021/January 2022 issue of Contact should be given to Janet or Robin Willis by **Monday 22nd November** unless a later date has been agreed by prior arrangement. Contributions are very acceptable by e-mail: jmw321wmj @ yahoo.co.uk.

We have a smaller Puzzle Corner in Contact.

Please let us have any appropriate feedback.

Do you enjoy the puzzles?

Sudoku Answers for October:

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| 9 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| 1 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
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| 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 |

Puzzle Corner

Bible Word Search:

Amos, Backsliding,
Chronicles,
Commanded,
Covenant, Day of
the Lord, Diligently,
Ezra, Glory, Haggai,
Hosea, Jeremiah,
Job, Joel, Jonah,
Judgment, Kings,
Malachi, New
heavens, No weapon,
Purge,
Righteousness,
Satisfieth, Seek ye
the Lord, Spirit of
the Lord,
Transgression,
Tribulation,
Wearied, Zechariah

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A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 by 9 grid. This grid is subdivided into nine 3 x 3 boxes.

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| 3 | | 5 | 6 | | 8 | 4 | 7 | |
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| | | 8 | | | | 3 | | 9 |
| 9 | 4 | | | 3 | 2 | | | 6 |
| | 8 | 3 | | 6 | 9 | 1 | | 5 |
| | | | 1 | | | | 9 | |

Some of the cells in the grid are prefilled with a number between 1 and 9, while many other cells are blank.

Your job is to determine the correct number to be entered in each of the empty cells.

The numbers 1 to 9 must appear just once in each row, column, and 3 x 3 box.

EVERY WEEK AT WALLINGTON U.R.C.

Times of Worship

Sunday 10.30am Family Service

Activities you can find on our Premises

Monday - Friday 9.15am-1.15pm Holmwood Pre – school

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| Monday | 10.00-11.00am 2.00-4.00pm 4.15-7.30pm 7.45-10.00pm | Yoga Bananas Art Reigate Academy of Dance Explorer Scouts |
| Tuesday | 9.15am-1.20pm 1.40-3.40pm 5.00-6.00pm 6.00-7.30pm 8.00-10.00pm | Hartbeeps (mother and baby activities) U3A Art group Rainbows Brownies (10th Wallington) Epsom Downs Badminton, Winter(Sept-May) |
| Wednesday | 7.30-10.00pm | Chess Club |
| Thursday | 11.00-12.00noon 2.00-4.00pm 2.00-4.00pm 4.20-7.20pm 7.25-10.00pm | Senior Movers Exercise Ladies' Badminton, Winter(Sept-May) Fallen Angels Drama Reigate Academy of Dance Carshalton & Wallington Art Group |
| Friday | 9.30am-12.30pm 10.30-11.30am 6.45-8.30pm | NAS Coffee morning Baby Massage Guides(8th Wallington) |
| Saturday | 8.15-9.45am 9.00-10.00 10.00-12.30pm | Fitness Yoga Zumba |



South London Tamil Church (SLTC)

**SLTC are using our premises
for their Sunday services, and
everyone is welcome to join them.
Their service starts at 3pm.**