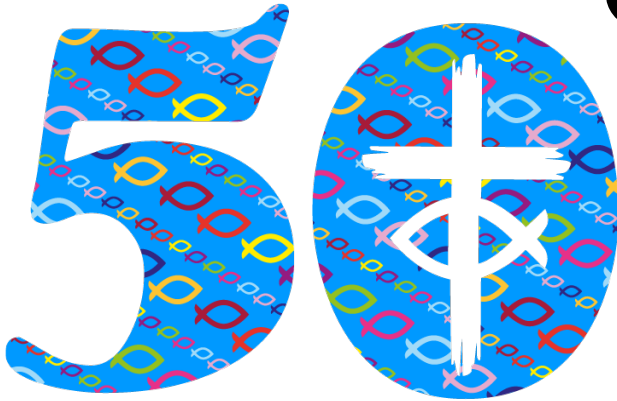




Wallington United Reformed
Church



**The United
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Faith - Hope - Love
since 1972

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Dear Friends,

Our world has changed and it will take a while for us to get used to it.

Only a few days after appointing a new Prime Minister, Queen Elizabeth died and, for many of us, for the first time in our lives we have a different monarch. Besides getting used to a new personality there is much of a practical nature that needs to change. We will need to get used to singing 'God save the King' not Queen, coins and stamps bearing a new image will appear and much will need to change in uniforms, warrant cards and other material dedicated to the monarch.

We are always living in times of change but the pace of change sometimes seems to be accelerating and bewildering. The pandemic of the past 2½ years has led to a rapid change in the way we interact with others and access services. It also led to other changes which don't seem to have been sustained. 2 years ago we were very aware of the vital role played by those within our community who provide care and support to the ill and the vulnerable. I sense this has been lost in the last 6 months or so. Maybe it will return if we find ourselves under pressure as the Autumn rolls in and infections rise but I hope we don't have to face that.

It seems that our world too often looks down on those who provide service, sometimes taking it for granted, tending to view it as a lesser job, and failing to see those who offer it as equally valuable. As we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth so much of what is being talked about is her commitment to service. In her first Christmas address, after she had ascended to the throne but before her coronation, she asked her listeners to 'pray for me that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you, all the days of my life.' Throughout her reign she made it clear that it was

her Christian faith that guided, inspired and sustained her, regularly drawing attention in her Christmas messages to the servant nature of Christ. In 2008 she said 'He (Jesus) makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving, more in serving than in being served.'

In this time of transition as we adapt to our new King, new Prime Minister and continue to come to terms with our world changed by the Covid pandemic, I hope that the late Queen's words and example will continue to speak loud and clear in our society and not be drowned out by other sentiments.

These are times of uncertainty and people are anxious about the present and the future and here one of my memories of Queen Elizabeth helps sustain me. In the early 1980s I took part in a service at St Paul's Cathedral, in the presence of Her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family, to mark the anniversary of the King George's Jubilee Trust, set up by her father. Within that service members of the English Youth Theatre presented a dramatic reading of a poem of which I had previously been unaware but later discovered it was used by King George VI in his Christmas 1939 address. (I have recently found out that it was suggested to him by his daughter, Elizabeth.) The poem by Minnie Louise Haskins says this:

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 better to you than light and safer than a known
way.'

It's a sentiment I have returned to many times in the last 40 years.

In these uncertain and changing times, put your hand into the hand of God.

Craig Bowman

Our Wider Community

As we say thank you for the harvest, we think of those struggling.

As we say thank you for the beautiful Autumn, we think of those who struggle with extreme weather.

As we say thank you for our families and our lives, we think of the war-torn places in the world where people live in constant fear.

May God grant you his peace.

We held our Harvest Festival recently, when we collected donations for the Sutton Women's Centre. We sang traditional Harvest Hymns, and had traditional decorations around the church.

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

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.

Commitment for **Life** These prayers can be used to help people focus on generosity of mind and spirit.

Prayer for Zimbabwe & World Healthcare

Maud M Marengereke & Charles Jolly

Dear Lord, we thank you for watching over us as we came through the Covid-19 era. As each day passes, we pray that you grant us wisdom to discover ways of moving forward from the pandemic. Guide parents as they strive to look after their families in providing for food and online learning gadgets.

Lord, we pray for a new Earth where individuals matter more than profits; where women and children are empowered; where special need, ill-health, other ability or disadvantage is not a bar to a fulfilling life; where vested interests do not prevent anyone from accessing medical treatment. We ask for clean water, decent sanitation, living space and health education for all people, especially those forced to crowd together



Above all, we thank you for ordinary people making change happen: The Shisamondnay Forum in Bangladesh, promoting healthy vegetables for children to eat; The Palestinian Agricultural Development Association and YMCA rehabilitation programme for people injured in conflict.

And for every unsung hero whose love overflows into selfless action. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

As a monarch she was exemplary, an example to us all. Her commitment to duty, her love of the people she served as their Queen was an outstanding example of leadership to all who would serve in office

For many of us, the Queen will have been a constant throughout our lives. The Queen's life was a shining example of a Christian living out their faith publicly, for the common good.

Her legacy, a modernised monarchy more relevant to today than on the day she became Queen. The Commonwealth of Nations is an example of what can be achieved through determination, vision, foresight and commitment to the people she served, to see the transition of an Empire to the Commonwealth of Nations is a staggering achievement of leadership.

As a mother, grandmother and great grandmother a source of comfort, encouragement and strength, a guiding wisdom in difficult times and an encouragement at all times.

As a wife she honoured her husband as he was devoted to her.

As the head of the Church of England she made her mark by simply being an outstanding and faithful example.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be missed by the vast majority of her subjects.

We extend our condolences to the Royal Family and to everyone all around the United Kingdom at this time.

To our Beloved Queen. As we say our last goodbyes... for all the good and great work that you have done and done it really well, we say in unison 'Thank you Ma'am'. With deepest gratitude we say our farewell to the graceful, kind and thoughtful person that you were. A simple gentleness surrounded you always and you always made everyone feel comfortable and at ease. With your love and sincere dedication you were an exemplary leader, concerned for the well-being of your people and so we looked up to you with our hearts full of admiration... Rest in Peace dearest Queen



Throughout her historic 70-year reign, Queen Elizabeth II has been head of state through some of the most momentous events in modern world history from the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy, to the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic. This Platinum Jubilee is the first celebration of its kind in the thousand-year history of the British monarchy.

Elizabeth II became queen on February 6, 1952, after the death of her father King George VI. Her coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, and was attended by the crowned heads of Europe as well as a special delegation from the U.S. The queen met President Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy at a reception hosted at Buckingham Palace in June 1961. When in 1963 President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas the queen along with other world leaders sent her condolences to his widow.

The queen first visited West Germany in 1965 in the spirit of reconciliation after World War II.

One of the greatest national tragedies that the queen has witnessed in her reign occurred in the Welsh mining town of Aberfan in 1966. When Apollo 11 successfully landed a man on the moon for the first time in 1969, the queen sent a message reading: "On behalf of the British people, I salute the skill and courage which have brought man to the moon. May this endeavour increase the knowledge and wellbeing of mankind."

The queen celebrated her first milestone jubilee in 1977 marking 25 years on the throne. Street parties, a river procession, thanksgiving services and a trip in the Gold State Coach all formed part of the festivities that were watched by millions around the world.

The wedding of the queen's son, Prince Charles, and Princess Diana was watched by a global audience of 750 million people. The ceremony took place at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 29, 1981 and was followed by a balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace where the new princess appeared for the first time as a member of the royal family.

On November 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall dividing East Germany and West Germany was dismantled by protesters following a five-day gathering opposing the oppressive division. The bringing down of the wall, completed in 1991, signified the fall of the iron curtain and the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

The queen was invited to make her first (and only) state visit to Russia in 1994 after the fall of the iron curtain. The visit followed a lunch hosted by the queen at Windsor Castle in 1989 for then-President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Princess Diana died in a tragic car crash in Paris' Pont de Alma tunnel on August 31, 1997. The princess' death sent shockwaves around the world. At the time, the queen was staying at her Scottish retreat with Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, who were on their summer vacation.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States, the queen paid her own special tribute to the Americans living and working in Britain, as well as those who had been personally affected by the attacks.



For the first time in its history, the queen authorized the military band outside Buckingham Palace to play the American national anthem during the Changing of the Guard for the gathered crowds before she then attended a memorial to those killed and injured held at St Paul's Cathedral.

For the queen, her Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years on the throne, followed a period of personal sadness. In February 2002, her only sister, Princess Margaret, died after a long illness. Just a month later their 101-year-old mother also passed away.

Despite these personal losses the queen undertook the full schedule of planned celebrations throughout the year including foreign tours and domestic visits, with central events planned in London including a pop concert and pageant.

The British crown's long and painful history in Ireland had prevented any monarch from visiting until 2011 when it was agreed that the time had come for that to change. The queen made a three-day visit to the country and paid many tributes to her hosts including wearing the national colour, green, and opening her state dinner speech in Gaelic.



The world's attention was focused on Britain in 2012 with the queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics all taking place throughout the summer. In declaring the events open, she followed her grandfather and father in the royal tradition.

The COVID-19 pandemic escalation and lockdowns throughout Britain in 2020 saw the queen broadcast only the fifth message to the nation in her 70-year reign. Though the queen's Christmas speech is an annual tradition, this kind of broadcast has only been undertaken in important circumstances.

Floral Tribute

Evening will come, however determined the late
afternoon,

Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in
September mist.

I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of
thanks,

Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.

A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –

Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to
some,

Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.

The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,

Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark
Munros.

Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower

Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained

Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence

A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day

Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and

Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,

This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose
brightness

Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

SIMON ARMITAGE

Poet laureate

Faith - Hope - Love - since 1972

A United Service
to mark the
50th Anniversary
of the United
Reformed Church



is to be held at
St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Cheam
on Saturday 8th October.
The service is to be at 3pm
and will to be followed by refreshments,
tea, coffee and cake.

Please speak to one of the Elders if you need a
lift to St Andrew's on Saturday 8th October.

On Wednesday 5th October, the anniversary of the actual
date of the formation of the URC, the
URC's South London Synod Area are
holding a service online through Zoom
starting at 7.00pm.



Rev David Pickering has been asked to
lead the service and he will involve
colleagues from the area and beyond.

The service will celebrate some of
the URC's story over the last 50 years and some distinctive
features of our Church today, including our hymn-writers with all
the hymns to be sung from the heart and pen of those who
belong to the URC.

Zoom details: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495501792?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495501792?pwd=Uy9Ta0g0YW50UE50UXN3d1RkMUE3Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 884 9550 1792

Passcode: 765093

.....please see Alan for telephone joining details.

The 50 Year Quiz

1972-2022

Celebrating 50 years of the URC

Answers:

- 1 The United Reformed Church was created in 1972. Which one of these events also happened in 1972?
c) The West End debut of Jesus Christ Superstar
- 2 In which year was the Band Aid single 'Feed The World' released? *1984*
- 3 The UK's bestselling model of car ever was launched in 1976. What was it? *Ford Fiesta*
- 4 In which year did: a) Rosalind Goodfellow become the first female Moderator of the URC's General Assembly? b) Libby Lane become the first female bishop in the Church of England? *a) 1982 b) 2015*
- 5 The best picture Oscar winner of 1981 told the true story of a Congregational missionary. *Chariots of Fire*
- 6 Put these soap operas in the order in which they started:
Correct order: Emmerdale Farm (1972) Brookside (1982) Eastenders (1985) Hollyoaks (1995)
- 7 How old was the Queen when the URC was formed in October 1972? *46*
- 8 Which UK musical artists released the following albums:
a) 19, 21 and 25 *Adele*
b) +, x, ÷ and = [pronounced: plus, multiply, divide and equals] *Ed Sheeran*
- 9 Which British runner won the 10,000m on 'Super Saturday' at the 2012 Olympics? *Mo Farah*
- 10 In which year did the King James version of the Bible celebrate its 400th birthday? *2011*

- 11 Each year, the Oxford English Dictionary chooses a word of the year. *Sudoku* (2005) *simples* (2009) *selfie* (2013) *post truth* (2016)
- 12 Solve the anagrams of UK Prime Ministers since 1972:
a) *Harold Wilson*
b) *Tony Blair*
c) *David Cameron*
- 13 Which saint did Margaret Thatcher quote as she entered 10 Downing Street for the first time in 1979? *St Francis* ('Where there is discord, may we bring harmony')
- 14 Of which parish is the Revd Geraldine Grainger the most famous incumbent? *Dibley*
- 15 Which hymn of Swedish origin won the Songs of Praise viewers' favourite vote in 2013 and came second in 2019? '*How Great Thou Art*'



**The next outside sale is
planned for
Friday 14th October
1.00pm to 3.30pm**

***If it is fine*, cakes will be available outside, also marmalade and jam, with books and greetings cards in the coffee lounge. There are many cards at greatly reduced prices. We are continue to raise money for the Sutton Women's Centre who offer counselling, and support with English as a second language classes, as well as parenting classes, computer training and toddler groups.**

Diary Dates			
October			
Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Saturday	8th	3pm	50th Anniversary Celebration at St Andrew's Cheam
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Morning service to be led by Steve Tomkins
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Morning service to be led by Revd Craig Bowman
Sunday	23rd	10.30am	Morning service to be led by Paul Hollingum
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Morning service to be led by Rev Bruce Stuart
November			
Sunday	6th	10.30am	Morning service...with the Sacrament of Holy Communion...
Sunday	13th	10.30am	Morning service...for Remembrance Day...

PLEASE NOTE...Articles for the November 2022 issue of Contact should be given to Janet or Robin Willis by **Monday 24th October** unless a later date has been agreed by prior arrangement. Contributions are very acceptable by e-mail: jmw321wmj @ yahoo.co.uk.

Sudoku Answers
for September:

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

Puzzle Corner

Bible Word

Search: Faith in

Action:

Accomplish,
Assurance, Bear
fruits, Blessing,
Confidence,
Encourage,
Endurance, Faith,
Foundation, Gods
grace, Gods will,
Good deeds, Good
works, Guidance,
Isaac, Justice,
Moses, Noah,
Nurture, Obedience,
Observation, Peace,
Perfection,
Predestined,
Purpose, Rahab,
Relationship,
Righteous, Seek, Spiritual, Truth, Understand

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

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.

2		6		5			1	
	9	5		4	8		6	
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EVERY WEEK AT WALLINGTON U.R.C.

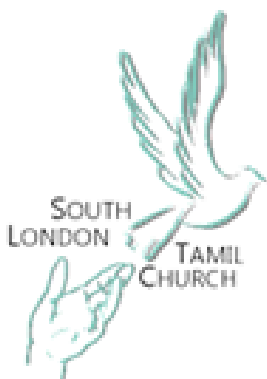
Times of Worship

Sunday 10.30am Family Service

Activities you can find on our Premises

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

Monday	10.00-11.00am	Yoga
	2.00-4.00pm	Bananas Art
	7.45-10.00pm	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	9.15am-1.20pm	Hartbeeps (mother and baby activities)
	1.40-3.40pm	U3A Art group
	5.00-6.00pm	Rainbows
	6.00-7.30pm	Brownies (10th Wallington)
	8.00-10.00pm	Epsom Downs Badminton, Winter(Sept-May)
Wednesday	10.30-11.30am	Baby Massage
	7.30-10.00pm	Chess Club
Thursday	11.00-12.00noon	Senior Movers Exercise
	2.00-4.00pm	Ladies' Badminton, Winter(Sept-May)
	2.00-4.00pm	Fallen Angels Drama
	7.25-10.00pm	Carshalton & Wallington Art Group
Friday	9.30am-12.30pm	NAS Coffee morning
	10.30-11.30am	Baby Massage
	6.45-8.30pm	Guides(8th Wallington)
Saturday	8.15-9.45am	Fitness
	9.00-10.00	Yoga
	10.00-12.15pm	Zumba



South London Tamil Church (SLTC)

SLTC invite you to join
them for their
Sunday service which
starts at 3pm.

Everyone welcome!