

**NUNEATON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

***Christian witness in the local community for over 300 years***

**Outlook**

**February/ March 2024**

.*We journey through Lent from the wilderness, from darkness, into the light of Easter where we remember the Crucifixion and celebrate the Resurrection.*

**REFLECTION**

**Times and Seasons**

We have scarcely cleared away the remains of the Christmas festivities and we are already thinking about Lent.

In fact, the Church calendar includes 40 days of the Christmas season ending on February 2nd, on the commemoration of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the ritual purification of Mary after childbirth.

While the date of Christmas was fixed in the 4th Century, the celebration of Easter is a “moveable” feast.

The Easter Season encompasses the time of preparation during the 40 weekdays of Lent and Holy Week, and is linked with Pentecost Sunday 50 days later

The date of Easter is determined in each year through a calculation known as *computus.* Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after 21st March (a fixed approximation of the March equinox).

Calculating the date in advance requires a correlation between the lunar months and the solar year, while also accounting for the month, date, and weekday of the calendar. The complexity arises because of the desire to associate the date of Easter with the date of the Jewish feast of Passover while separating the dating of Easter from the Hebrew calendar.

The complex calculation can be found in the Book of Common Prayer

Together with a table of Easter dates to 2089

<https://www.bcponline.org/Misc/tables.html>

The date of Easter Sunday is crucial for the sequence of the Christian year as many feast days are celebrated at a fixed interval of days (or weeks) before or after Easter Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Day

Passiontide begins two weeks before Easter with Passion Sunday followed by Palm Sunday the Sunday before Easter. This marks the beginning of Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday culminating in Easter Sunday

The sixth Sunday after Easter is known as Rogation Sunday followed by three Rogation days seeking a blessing for a community and its sustenance and leading up to Ascension Day, marked 40 days after Easter always falling on a Thursday.

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days (7th Sunday) after Easter and Trinity Sunday the following week.

Between Pentecost and Advent Sundays are numbered as after Pentecost or alternatively after Trinity and the liturgical cycle begins again.

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens*

*a time to be born and a time to die,*

*a time to plant and a time to uproot a time to kill and a time to heal,*

*a time to tear down and a time to build,*

*a time to weep and a time to laugh,*

*a time to mourn and a time to dance,*

*a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,*

*a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,*

*a time to search and a time to give up,*

*a time to keep and a time to throw away,*

*a time to tear and a time to mend,*

*a time to be silent and a time to speak*

a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace

**Ecclesiastes 3**

**From the Minister,**

It seems like we have hardly packed the Christmas decorations away and Lent is upon us, but here we are.

As we once again to remember the road to Jerusalem, the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter we will be meeting in person for our ‘Faithful Fridays’ (at 12 noon in the Bracher Hall) from 23rd February until we gather on Good Friday.

But this year there is something else for us to have in mind – Leading Your Church into Growth.

We have committed ourselves to praying and working for growth in our fellowship, and it will begin as we enter Lent.

I do not need to rehearse the facts about church membership – not just in Nuneaton but across the country.

We are all too aware that the number of people in our churches, and the Elders and Ministers who lead them, are getting fewer.

But it does not have to be like this.

Where churches pray and work for growth, things can change. Indeed, the evidence is that they do change. This should not surprise us – because God is faithful!

Leading Your Church into Growth is a framework to help local churches pray and work for growth.

It has itself grown, as more and more churches try it and see the benefits of intentional prayer and action towards growing our churches. The programme was founded by Robin Gamble around 30 years ago and now is shared throughout the UK, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

It has its roots in the Church of England, but its participants now come from many traditions and theological perspectives.

So, what does it entail? We will be undertaking the ‘Local Course,’ designed to be used to equip and empower local churches, like ours, to place growth at the heart of their life together.

We will meet together to work through seven sessions, praying and planning for how we go forward. And then we will try to put our plans into practice.

 Of course, all that we will do will be underpinned by our prayers – as the Book of Proverbs puts it, “Commit your work to the LORD, your plans will be established.” (Prov. 16:3)

The first session of the Local Course looks at creating a culture of growth.

 Some of us have already had a taste of this session at an event we held back in November, and it encourages us to consider the kind of culture we have as a church and how much we want to grow.

An interesting question, how much do we want to grow?

What will we do differently to make it happen?

The second session looks at how we might build growth into the calendar. What events and activities through the year can give us opportunities to invite others to join us (or give us an excuse to join others)?

Subsequent sessions look at areas like ‘evangelism’ and what it might look like for us, how we might develop our worship in ways to help new people engage (and to encourage us to share it with others) and how we help people on their journey of faith (hint, this probably means encouraging ourselves on the journey too!).

I hope that you will join us in this commitment.

A lot of people have signed up already, but if you have not it is not too late to take part – you will be most welcome.

Even if you cannot be part of the Local Course, please pray with us the Prayer for Growth:

***God of Mission,***

***Who alone brings growth to your Church,***

***Send your Holy Spirit to give,***

***Vision to our planning,***

***Wisdom to our actions,***

***Joy to our worship***

***And power to our witness.***

***Help our church to grow in numbers,***

***In spiritual commitment to you,***

***And in service to our local community,***

***Through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***Amen.***

God bless,

***Allan***.



**SUNDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY at Nuneaton 10. 45 am**

Sun 4 Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Rev Dr Allan Smith

Sun 11 Morning WorshipLed by Rob Ballard

Sun 17 Morning Worship Led by Margaret Marshall

Sun 25 Morning Worship Led by Richard Gillett

**SERVICES MARCH at Nuneaton**

Sun 3 Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Pastorate Service Led by Rev Colin Offor

Sun 10 Morning Worship Led by Rev Daniel Cheyne

Sun 17 Morning Worship Led by Rev Daniel Cheyne

Sun 24th Palm Sunday

 NO SERVICE AT NUNEATON

Pastorate Service Trinity Church Bedworth 10.45 am

Friday 29th Good Friday 12.00 noon Led by Rev Dr Allan Smith

Sun 31st Easter Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion

 Led by Rev Dr Allan Smith

**PASTORATE SERVICE ON ZOOM** **SUN 24th MARCH at BEDWORTH**

To provide an opportunity for those unable to attend church in person,

To join by phone, dial any one of these numbers:

0203 481 5240, 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237

When asked to enter your Meeting ID key in 226 258 804 # (do not forget the ‘#’). When asked for a ‘Passcode’ enter 1972#

You can join using a computer with this link 226258804 and the passcode 1972

**REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS FEBRUARY**

**February 4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

[Isaiah 40:21-31](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi5_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 147:1-12, 21c](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi5_RCL.html#PSALM); [1 Corinthians 9:16-23](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi5_RCL.html#EPISTLE);

[Mark 1:29-39](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi5_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**February 11 Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration**

[2 Kings 2:1-12](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpiLast_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 50:1-6](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpiLast_RCL.html#PSALM); [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpiLast_RCL.html#EPISTLE); [Mark 9:2-9](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpiLast_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**February 14 Ash Wednesday**

[Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#OLDTEST); or [Isaiah 58:1-12](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#OldTest2); [2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#EPISTLE);

[Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#GOSPEL); [Psalm 103 or 103:8-14](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC/Lent/AshWed.html#PSALM)

**February 18 First Sunday in Lent**

[Genesis 9:8-17](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 25:1-9](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html#PSALM) [1; Peter 3:18-22](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html#EPISTLE); [Mark 1:9-15](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent1_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**February 25 Second Sunday in Lent**

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent2_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 22:22-30](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent2_RCL.html#PSALM) ; [Romans 4:13-25](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent2_RCL.html#EPISTLE) ;

[Mark 8:31-38](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent2_RCL.html#GOSPEL) or Mark 9: 2-9

*Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.*

*O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!*

Author: H. W. Baker (1861)



**REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS MARCH 2024**

**March 3 Third Sunday in Lent**

[Exodus 20:1-17](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent3_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 19](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent3_RCL.html#PSALM); [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent3_RCL.html#EPISTLE); [John 2:13-22](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent3_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

[Numbers 21:4-9](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent4_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent4_RCL.html#PSALM); [Ephesians 2:1-10](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent4_RCL.html#EPISTLE);

[John 3:14-21](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent4_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 51:1-13](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html#PSALM) or [Psalm 119:9-16](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html#psalm2); [Hebrews 5:5-10](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html#EPISTLE); [John 12:20-33](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Lent/BLent5_RCL.html#GOSPEL)

**March 24 Palm / Passion Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms*

[Mark 11:1-11](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#GOSPEL) ; *or* [John 12:12-16](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#GospelPalmJohn); [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#PSALM)

*Liturgy of the Passion*

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Psalm 31:9-16](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#PSALM2); [Philippians 2:5-11](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#EPISTLE); ; [Mark 14:1-15:47](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#GOSPEL2); [Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html#GospelWord2)

**March 28 Maundy Thursday**

[Exodus 12:1-14](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/MaundyTh_RCL.html#OLDTEST) ; [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/MaundyTh_RCL.html#EPISTLE); John 13:1-17, 31b-35; ; [Psalm 116:1-2, 10-19](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/MaundyTh_RCL.html#PSALM)

**March 29 Good Friday**

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/GoodFri_RCL.html#OLDTEST); [Hebrews 10:16-25](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/GoodFri_RCL.html#EPISTLE) *;* [Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/GoodFri_RCL.html#Epistle2); [John 18:1-19:42](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/GoodFri_RCL.html#GOSPEL); [Psalm 22](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearABC_RCL/HolyWk/GoodFri_RCL.html#PSALM)

**March 31 Easter Sunday**

[Acts 10:34-43](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#FIRST) *;*  [Isaiah 25:6-9](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#OLDTEST); Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; ; [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#EPISTLE) ; [Acts 10:34-43](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#FIRST); [John 20:1-18](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#Gospel1); [Mark 16:1-8](http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Easter/BEasterPrin_RCL.html#GOSPEL2)



**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

**Prayer Circle**

Each week in our Prayer Circle members of our fellowship are named in the Prayers of Intercession during Morning Worship and remembered in all our prayers during the following week.

Please remember in your prayers

Week beginning

February 4 Diana Collett

February 11 Ruth and Richard Gillett

February 18 Janice and Peter Gordon

February 25 Laraine Haddon

Week beginning 

March 3 Fiona & Robert Kinghorn

March 10 Pat Lane

March 17 Margaret & David Marshall

March 31 Janet Newborough

And all who are unwell or receiving medical care at this time

***Prayer Book***

A prayer book is kept in the sanctuary for prayer requests to be included in the prayers of intercession.

Please ensure that those included are happy to be named in communal prayer

***Prayer Chain***

We have a list of people who are willing to pray in complete confidence in their own home when contacted by telephone for those in special or urgent need.

**OUR VISION PRAYER**

Please pray with us as we seek God’s purpose for our church.

We give thanks for those who travelled the journey of faith before us and their life and witness.

We give thanks for our present - the Church and the community we are part of.

We pray for our searching - give us guidance to discern how we might worship you more fully, how we might deepen our discipleship and serve you better in the community in the future.

We pray for the wisdom, the strength, and the courage to do what the Spirit challenges us to do.

Amen

**A Prayer for the Church**– *from URC Daily Devotion 13th Oct 2019*

 *Reflection on Psalm 118*

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for the things that link us:

for shared worship,

fellowship in prayer,

opportunities to read and study the Bible together,

the forging of bonds and friendship,

ways to express together a caring, loving spirit in our congregation,

our home and community

that all can see who we owe our allegiance to and whom we serve.

Accept our love and thanks, in the Saviour’s name.

Amen

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**MINISTRY OF FLOWERS**

Flowers for the sanctuary are provided each week by members and friends often in memory of a family member or to mark a special anniversary The church is grateful to those who contribute to this ministry which enhances the beauty of our church and contributes to the atmosphere for worship

After the morning service the flowers are given as a token of the love and prayers of our church family. Recipients include those named in our weekly Prayer Circle and those both within our church and in the wider community known to us to have a special need for prayerful concern or to share in a special joy.

Although flowers are not arranged in the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas period, they are made available for special need and given at other times to those named in the Prayer Circle during this period



**February**

 4 Mary Worley

 11 Ann Ballard

 18 Rita Burrows

 25 Sandra Ryan

**March**

 3 Pamela Carter

 10 Janet Newborough

 17 Cindy Russell

 31 Jenny Chatwin

**April**

7 Doreen Spare

**Bible Study and discussion for the Pastorate**

**At Horeston Grange Church**

**Wednesday February 14th 2024**

 **2.00 pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

to receive the session handout and log in details please send your email address to Diana (urc.newsletter@outlook.com)

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**FAITHFUL FRIDAYS IN LENT**

Please join us in the Bracher Hall at noon on Fridays during Lent for a short act of worship/meditation to be led by members of the Worship Group with tea/coffee and biscuits. Series beginning on Friday February 23rd through to a service in Church Good Friday March 29th led by Allan.

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LEVITICUS LUKE MARK MICAH NAHUM

NEHEMIAH NUMBERS PETER PSALMS

REVELATION RUTH SAMUEL TITUS

**FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY**

Twelve members attended our January Church Meeting on zoom

**Christmas Celebrations**

We celebrated with a number of well attended events, starting with the Ecumenical Crib service at the beginning of Advent, Faithful Fridays in Advent, and through to Christmas Day.

Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church and clear away after Epiphany.

The response to our appeal for the Nuneaton Food Bank was amazing and greatly appreciated.

**New Year New Beginnings**

We are looking forward to **leading our church into growth**.

A number of people have “signed” up and we are looking to find a meeting day and time to suit as many as possible.

If meeting is not your thing, please pray for this initiative.

**Our next meeting will be the Annual General meeting to be held on March 20th 2024 in the Small Chapel**

Please put the date in your diaries and join us, if you are able, to share in the discussion and decision making

**Annual Reports to be presented at the AGM**

Reports from the various post holders in the church will be circulated with the agenda prior to adoption at the AGM

Will those involved please send me your annual reports for 2023 as soon as possible **(deadline February 25th)** to allow time for collation, printing, and circulation.

***Diana***

**ANNIVERSARIES**

February 2024 marks the 10th anniversary of my role as Newsletter “Editor”, a role which as the number of contributors declined, increasingly involved finding material to make the issue worth the annual subscription of £5 for 10 issues

After 5 years, December 2018 saw the 50th and final issue of the Newsletter in its regular format

So, 2019 was the first year for several decades without a monthly Newsletter as a means of sharing news, views, and notices of events.

January 2024 also marked the 8th anniversary of the introduction of the Sunday Post as an “in house” information leaflet and a spin off from the Newsletter to replace the previously purchased “Link”

We have produced some 400 issues over 8 years

At our Church meeting back in January 2019, it was suggested that we produce a monthly” communication” sheet to complement the Sunday Post where space is limited. Wearing my secretary’s hat, I missed having a vehicle for sharing news, views, and notices of events and so in October 2019 “*Outlook”* was born.

*Outlook* has been made freely available to worshippers and visitors to our church

We do have a number of readers in the extended church family who receive copies by post and I also produce a “big print” version available on request.

We also currently have several email readers both local and from further afield

*Outlook* helped to keep us in touch during the period of lockdown and closure when copies were posted/ delivered to all until we were again able to meet in person.

Preparation of the material is time consuming from finding/writing material to make the issue worthwhile, and then printing, stapling, folding, labelling and distribution including by post and email.

I must record my thanks to my team mate Robert who put up with my preoccupation with producing the text and stapled and folded almost every copy for ten years

Sadly, the effort of producing a monthly edition became too onerous and from April 2023 we decided to produce one issue every two months. This has its own challenges to include events planned for two months ahead.

I am most grateful to Ruth who took over the tasks of printing the Sunday Post and printing and stapling Outlook from April 2023 and for her Word Search puzzles which help to keep our brains active.

We hope that Outlook continues to provide a valuable link in the chain that binds our church family together



**Obituary**

It is with sadness that I record the death of Robert Collett, on December 1st 2023, loving husband of 50 years.

He was a faithful member of the church and a huge support in all my many church activities. He will be much missed

Sincere thanks for the many messages of sympathy and support which have been a greatly appreciated. Also, to those who attended the service of thanksgiving with special thanks to Colin and Ruth

Thank you also to those who made donations to the PDSA in Robert’s memory which have totalled £1016

***Diana***



***God, you have not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God, you have not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But you have promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen*.**

**In Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to Jenny Oliver and family on the loss of a dear brother and uncle

**Birthday Congratulations**

To Rita Burrows who recently celebrated a Special Birthday



**OFFERTORY**

**Thank you**

Thank you so much once again to all who regularly send in their offertory by cheque or BACs

Offertory November 2023 £833

 December 2023 £1086.96

**Prayer**

*Lord God, whatever we feel called to offer*

*our time, our talents, our treasure we bring it to you*

*We thank you for the gifts you give us and ask your blessing on our offerings and ask for you guidance as we discern how best these resources can be used to support your Church.*

*Amen*

We do not make a “collection” during the Sunday morning service

for those wishing to donate cash on Sundays

there are boxes for offertory at the back of the church near the exits.

**Please continue to set aside your weekly offertory if you are able.**

Please send cheques to

Jenny Oliver 203, Weddington Road Nuneaton CV10 0HE

For BACs transfers our bank details are:

Bank name Virgin money

Account Name Nuneaton United Reformed Church

Sort Code 05-06-43

Account Number 41771804

**We extend a warm welcome to all**

Sunday Morning Worship 10.45 am

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month

*The Church is open for Prayer, Quiet Reflection or just to look around Saturday Mornings between 10 am and 12 noon*

Baptisms and Marriages by arrangement – contact Church Secretary

**CONTACTS**

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https://www.nwpastorate.org.uk/nuneaton-urc/about-us/

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