



The  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

**Tavistock U.R.C.**

Russell Street, Tavistock PL19 8BD  
Founded 1652  
Loving God,  
Encouraging Questions, Welcoming all.

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## May 2017

- SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Service led by Revd Iain McDonald with Holy Communion
- SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> Service led by Mr Garth Sanders
- SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> Service led by Dr Peter Fox
- SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Service led by Mr Mike Dennis



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filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.'

## Dates for your Diary



We believe in life before death

## Christian Aid Week 14th to 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Every Wednesday at 2.30**, Daytime Discussion Group at 22 Chapel Lane, Horrabridge (any change of date will be announced in the notices on the preceding Sunday).

**Advance Notice:** The date for Revd. Robert Weston's induction is **Saturday 2nd September**. Time to be confirmed.

### **Tuesday Topics (all at 7.30pm in our church)-**

**Tuesday 2 May** The story of Ruth: Examining the missing pieces.

A lecture followed by discussion over tea and coffee. Speaker: Dr Ziony Zevit

**Tuesday 9 May** A STORY OF PALESTINE: Speaker: David Oddie.

My personal journey through art and conflict. How can the arts help to transform lives in this setting of historic conflict?

David Oddie is Director of the Indra Congress, a global network of young people, artists and others who share a commitment to developing the arts for transformation in settings of conflict.

An illustrated, challenging and entertaining talk, the culmination of a 12-year partnership working with artists and young people in the West Bank, Palestine

**Tuesday 23 May** Prayer: Intimacy with God

Prayer is a way of life - not just an act reserved for specific times, places and formulas.

Living the Questions II DVD

**Tuesday 30 May** Understanding the 10 commandments

A lecture followed by discussion and refreshments. Speaker: Dr Ziony Zevit

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS:**

We think of **Jenny Summerfield**, who has been in hospital and is waiting to go back in for surgery. **Valerie Donovan** has not felt well enough to come on Sundays nor come to lunch on Fridays. We have missed her. We hope they will both be back with us soon.

We think of all our church family, wishing them well this lovely spring and holding them all in our prayers.

Did you realise that we are exchanging a Revd. Rog for a Revd. Rob? Easy to remember! May God bless them both, and encourage them in their future 'challenges'.

A heartfelt thanks go to all our Elders and all those on rotas, or who help out whenever they can - you all work tirelessly for our church – especially so during the interregnum; your load should be a little easier after Revd. Rob arrives in September. You all do your bit – and more - without complaint and with a smile and a pleasant word. God bless you.

## **Editor's Letters**

From **Revd Phyllis Ball**

'I happened to meet the future occupier of the premises next door to the church today. I took the opportunity to tell him about the previous concession we had for parking on Sundays. He said that they were already using the parking area on Sundays [presumably to get the offices ready] and would continue to do so. They do need access on Sunday and are already having difficulty with people parking there on Sundays, though they do realise it's not just people from our church. The message is: please don't park there. It is their private parking after all!'



From **Bob Callaghan** the National Coordinator of Inclusive Church

It happens less these days, but I still encounter people who make assumptions about what Inclusive Church is about, who pigeon-hole us as a certain type of organisation.

If they were to look through our newsletter, they would be given a real picture of the sheer variety of things that Inclusive Church is involved with. We have information here about the 2017 Annual Lecture at St Paul's Cathedral, the visit of a delegation from the Church of Sweden and news about the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Conference.

Our partners have a range of events and resources – the Sheldon Hub for example encouraging healthy ministry, or HeartEdge which seeks to bring together churches working at the heart of culture, community and commerce with those at the margins and on the edge.

Take a moment, settle down and browse through the newsletter on [www.inclusive-church.org](http://www.inclusive-church.org)

From the **URC South West website**

### **‘Thousands raised for Syria and Lebanon!**

Thanks to the generosity of United Reformed Church individuals and churches, over £13,000 has been raised since the latter part of 2015 for the relief and rehabilitation programme of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), which aids those who have been displaced, lost loved ones, or need food and water.

The URC is calling on local churches to continue to support the Syria Appeal, as desperate levels of suffering continue. See more in the newsletter on [www.urcsouthwest.org.uk](http://www.urcsouthwest.org.uk)

Excerpt from the **church hymnary**:

‘May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new;  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

God will be our shepherd as we go our way  
And will not forsake us if we go astray.  
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,  
We must not forget that God is always there. ’

***Any items for June CONTACT should be emailed to Maureen Tulloch by the 24<sup>th</sup> May ([maureen.tulloch@homecall.co.uk](mailto:maureen.tulloch@homecall.co.uk)). Many thanks.***