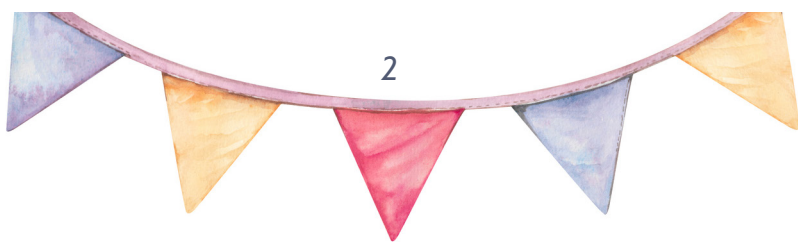


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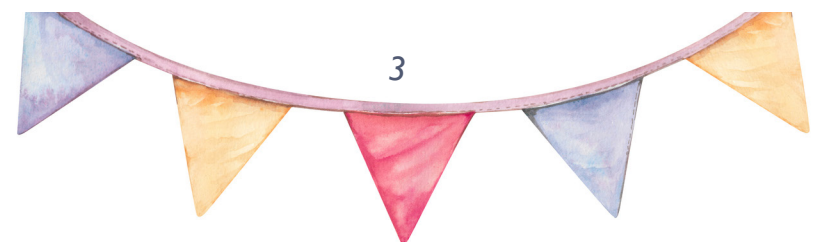
Looking back at Spring, we had a lovely visit from Rebekka from Barnibus Aid. If you missed it, you can visit their website at www.barnibusaid.com. She presented a very thought provoking presentation about Christians being persecuted all over the world and the work they do to help rebuild their lives.

Saturday 13th June saw the church **'deep clean day'**. Many elders and members chipped in so thank you so much for helping keep this special place so immaculately special.

So lovely to welcome Bea back! Bea was the person Val ushered me to sit next to when I first visited TCCC back in December 2018. She was warm and welcoming and I felt at home very quickly. Huge welcome back Bea from all of us.

Hope you enjoy this summer newsletter in this wonderful summer weather.

Jackie



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FAITH IN FOCUS

As for you, my brothers,
you were called to be free.
But do not let this freedom
become an excuse for
letting your physical desires
control you.

Instead, let love make you
serve one another.

Galatians 5 verse 13



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FAITH IN FOCUS

Well summer seems to be a bit of a scorcher this year!



Normally with summer we think of holidays and some maybe sunbathing on a beach somewhere. Others maybe planning a week away in a caravan, or a city break. Some maybe even consider a cruise!

But when we go away, do we switch off completely?

Do we leave our Christian lives behind us when we go away?

During our lives, pressures of every day do get in the way sometimes. We concentrate on what our lives are like and be a little blinkered on others.

A holiday is a chance to relax and unwind, which can also help us concentrate on our faith and the service we are being asked to complete on behalf of our Lord.

So put the Lord in your suitcase when you go away, and think of the service to others that you have been asked to do.

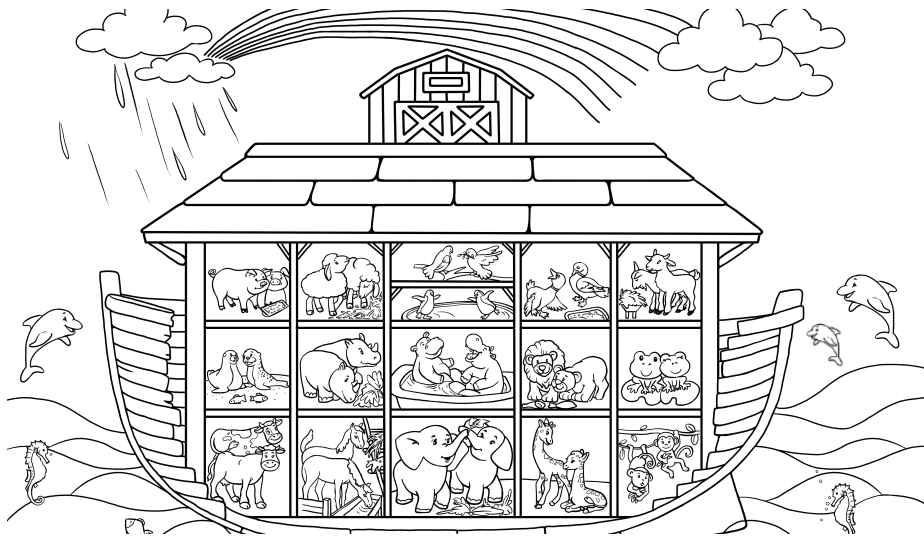
Happy holidays!

Neil



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SPOT THE...



What is the difference between a minister and an authorised elder?

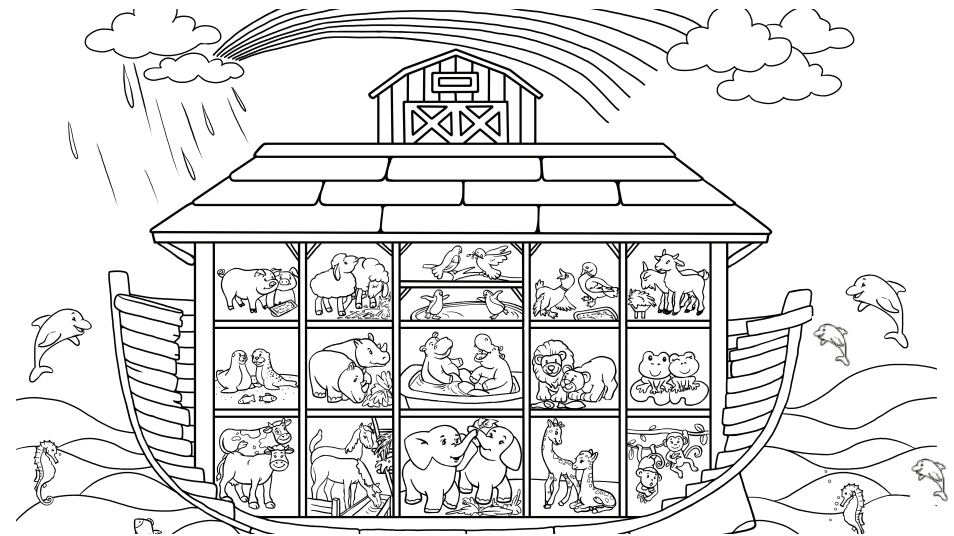
For the last few years the number of ordained ministers, Minister of word and sacrament, has been in sharp decline throughout the URC.

Ministers are trained by the URC in Theology and many other aspects of their role, normally at Theology university like Westminster college, and then serve an apprenticeship with a church before being ordained into a chosen church. They are paid members of staff for the URC. As paid employees they are eligible for retirement at 67. Due to the decline in church numbers and the cost of training it is now possible that churches will never get a full time stipend minister to serve their congregations.



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...DIFFERENCE



Authorised elders, such as myself, are the way that the gaps are now being filled in churches around the synod and further afield.

An authorised elder is one that has been trained in the sacraments and can serve a church for a period of three years before standing again. They have to be of good standing and nominated by the church members. They are allowed to conduct holy communion and baptism within the church.

The main similarity between a minister and authorised elder is their love of God and the faith we all practice.

Blessings
Neil

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NEWS

Church flowers



The raffle on communion day helps towards the cost of the flowers and birthday cards. There is a gold box in the entrance lobby if anyone would like to contribute further to the flower fund. They brighten up the church

every Sunday and someone always gets to take them home. Also if you would like to donate flowers as a special memory, please use the form in the lobby.

URC daily devotions

Graeme provides a wonderful service by sending us a prayer every morning and night. It is great to start the day with a regular prayer full of hope for the day and equally so reassuring to read the bedtime one before the light goes out. Contact one of the elders to be added to Graeme's WhatsApp list.



Same sex blessings

Our church is now delighted to offer same sex blessings! This is amazing news so if you know of any pair, please let Neil know.



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NEWS

Church annual cleaning day

We were all kept busy under the steerage of Tom and Liz for the annual church cleaning day in early June. Some were given buckets, wipes and mops to complete their tasks whilst others filled the van with items no longer required ie to the tip, (unless Paul grabbed them first!)



The atmosphere was very jovial and Liz rewarded us with bacon and sausage sandwiches.

Well done Team TCCC!

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FUND RAISING



Chaseley Trust Care Home

Chaseley is celebrating 80 years of the charity providing care for neurologically affected residents. It's a lovely old Manor House on Eastbourne seafront with a wonderful view of the sea.

It was a perfect day and the trust held a summer fair, including stalls selling crafts, jewellery and chocolate.



July the 4th was a special celebratory day for the Chaseley Trust Care Home in Eastbourne where my daughter Suzie is currently staying for rehab after sepsis caused a stroke and aphasia (loss of speech).



Cute dogs from the dog show!

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FOR CHASELEY



Suzie looking so glamorous

There was a BBQ and a dog show. And fantastic live music!

Visitors packed the gardens and the cafe/bar area inside. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the event.

The staff were run off their feet and worked so hard along with many volunteers.

All in all a great successful event which will raise much needed funds for the charity.

Love Kathy



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MORE PUPPIES!



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MIRACLE PUDDING

Liz's family recipe

This is our go to recipe for pudding.

Now a favourite with extended family across the pond

Miracle pudding.

6ozs (170g) self raising flour

1 teaspoon of baking powder

2½ozs (70g) butter

2ozs. (55g) brown sugar

4ozs (120g) sultanas

x1 pinch salt

4 fluid ozs (115ml) milk.

Sauce

4ozs (120g) brown sugar.

2ozs (55g) butter

16 fluid ozs (475ml) boiling water

Make pudding

Put flour, baking powder and pinch salt in bowl.

Rub in butter.

Mix in sugar and sultanas

Mix in milk

Put mixture in casserole dish

Make sauce

Add all ingredients together and mix well. Pour over cake mix.

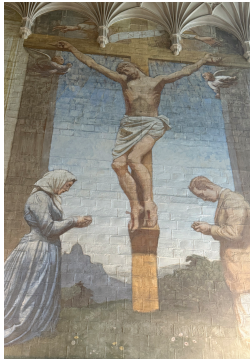
Bake at 180 degrees c for roughly 45 min.

Serve hot or cool with cream, custard or ice cream.



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MY TRIP TO



Following Neil's article on the differences and similarities of a lay preacher and a minister, I thought I would share my trip to Fulham Palace which used to be the summer residence of the Bishop of London. The Bishop of London is one of the most senior members of the Church of England and is responsible for the Diocese of London including the royal palaces.

Fulham Palace has housed 120 Bishops over 1300 years. The palace served as an administrative centre for the bishop as well as his home. Because of the location, the bishop had strong links with the monarch at the time and also political leaders.

After the English reformation in the 16th century, clergy were allowed to marry so Fulham Palace became a family home with wives sharing the house and gardens and opening it up to the wider community.

During the First World War it also became a hospital for wounded soldiers and in the Second World War, it housed over 200 people whose homes had been destroyed by bombs.



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FULHAM PALACE

Bishop Stopford was the final bishop of London to live in the palace and he left in 1973. It is still owned by the Church of England but the Fulham Palace Trust now runs the estate.

Today the Bishop of London still has a seat in the House of Lords and plays a part in royal weddings.

The palace is free to visit and has a lovely cafe and gardens.

The pictures here are all from his private chapel.



Here was the typical day for Bishop Winnington-Ingram in 1901.

6.45 - 7.15am Get up and get ready for the day

8.00am Quiet time for meditation and prayer

9.00am Matins: a short service of prayers in the chapel for the family and household including the servants

9.30am Breakfast

10.00am - 1.00pm Dealing with correspondence, reading and writing letters and holding meetings with a wide range of people from the Diocese.

1.00 - 2.00pm Lunch usually while entertaining others

2.00 - 5.00pm More paperwork and meetings

5.00 - 6.00pm A game of tennis!

6.00 - 7.00pm Supper

7.00 - 10.00pm Evening functions either at the Palace or elsewhere in the Diocese



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EVENTS TO COME

Wednesday Welcome Club
10.30am



Come and join us for a coffee and a natter.

From 10.30am until 12.15pm please drop in and you will be most welcome.

Bring along your favourite pastime, whether it is knitting, a jigsaw or a craft project. It is always a lovely morning in our cosy warm church with new friends sharing our hobbies.

Come along, it's free too!
Dates on the website.



Cafe service -
23rd August at 10.30am



Join Mark for his wonderful cafe service around the topic of 'Relationships'. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served throughout this informal meeting. Part two of this service will continue in December.

Everyone very welcome

Annual fun afternoon -
26th September at 2.30pm



This afternoon promises a few hours of light relief! There will be bingo, a fun quiz and other games.

£6.00 per person which also includes light refreshments. Booking not necessary, please just come along.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Civic service -
27th September at 10.30am



Please join us for our Sunday service with our special guest, the town mayor!

We are delighted that Cllr Cathy Gallagher is attending and her deputy, our very own, Cllr Neil Watts will be taking the service.

There will be light refreshments in the church hall straight after the service.

Everyone is warmly invited.

Quiz afternoon -
21st November at 2.30pm



Come and join us for our popular annual quiz.

Bring some friends to fill a table or come along and we will find a table for you to join.

It is so much light hearted fun and costs only £6.00 which includes light refreshments.



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ROTAS & ELDERS

Preaching timetable for Summer 2026

August

2 August
Neil

9 August
Roger

16 August
Robert

23 August
Cafe service

30 August
Graeme

September

6 September
Barbara

13 September
Wyn

20 September
Kay

27 September
Civic service

October

4 October
Neil

11 October
Robert

18 October
Sue

25 October
Liz

November

1 November
Neil

8 November
Liz

15 November
Laurie

22 November
Neil

29 November
Graeme

December

6 December
Barbara

13 December
Roger

Neil

Serving Elder & Church Secretary

Sam

Serving Elder & Treasurer

Lin

Serving Elder, Asst Treasurer
& Preaching Plan

Kathy

Serving Elder, Asst Church Secretary
& Preaching Plan

Val

Serving Elder

Tom

Serving Elder & Fabric Committee

Liz

Serving Elder & Reading Rota



Jean - Church Concierge

Tom, Phil & Danny - Fabric Committee

Mark - Church Music

Linda - Flower Arrangements

Jackie - Newsletter & Website Comms

Alan, Danny & Dee - Church Readers

Betty - Lunch socials

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AUTUMN 2025



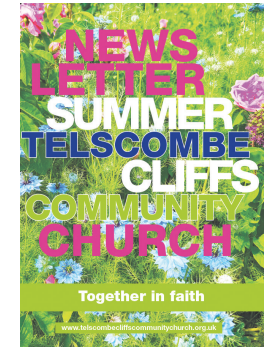
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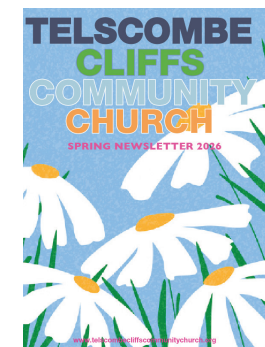
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