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London Road, Ewell and Tolworth
United Reformed Churches**

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Tolworth
United
Reformed
Church

**Come and join
the celebration!**

Photo & picture

Exhibition

10am—4pm

**Friday 9th &
Saturday 10th
June 2023**

**WE ARE
CELEBRATING
OUR 90 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

Display of new church banner

Sunday 11th June

10.30am

**Anniversary worship
& lunch**

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATIONS HERE AT

TOLWORTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ELGAR AVENUE, KT5 9JR

From our Minister

Dear Friends,

May 2023

***“Let anyone who has an ear listen to the what the Spirit is saying to the churches”
Revelation 2;7***

Seven churches are mentioned in the book of revelation and this is one thing that Jesus said to each and everyone, *“Let anyone with ears listen” Mark 4;9* Remember this story of The Sower and Jesus’ possible play on words...**ears** of corn etc...it works for us anyway!

At the end of this month, we will celebrate Pentecost! Sometimes referred to as the churches birthday and we will be celebrating our own church anniversaries next month of course! And hasn’t this been a year of celebration. This is for my next letter as the flames of Pentecost are reignited in festivities like candles on birthday cakes!

We also remember the Holy Spirit blowing through the house like a wind where the followers of Jesus were gathered and settling on them. Each began to speak in a different language. The book of acts describes the Holy Spirit blowing through the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered and settling on them like tongues of fire. Each began to speak in a language that each could understand, as the the Spirit gave them ability. Crowds came from far and wide to hear them, astounded to discover that each was being addressed in their own tongue. New gifts!

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Revelation 2;7***

Whatever was being said to those seven churches and the followers of Jesus at Pentecost in words each could understand, the same gift is available for us, and these words are as much for us in our churches today. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. It is a language we can all share and understand.

The church began to list many more gifts after these Pentecost celebrations. I guess many did not make the final cut of scripture. Maybe the bible was already too long! Or they missed the publication date. But these gifts are available for us, today free on demand as we have an ear the Holy Spirit. I found these words recently and some I have added... but for example

People with a tendency to talk too much, who are always on send button might need the gift of listening and the gift of being on receive.

Supposing you hear something salacious or damaging about a friend or colleague, you may need the gift of discretion, choosing to forego the short-term hit in passing it on.

If you have a position of authority or control, you may need the gift to imagine what it is like for the those in less rewarding positions.

For some, caught in the wrong career we may need the gift of vocation.

Or that aged neighbour or harassed single carer you pass in the street, perhaps you need to introduce yourself and exercise the gift of overcoming your natural reserve.

The congenially religious could do with the gift of doubt.

Those who are jaded or cynical? A gift of innocence.

For those who have fallen out big time with someone, we need the gift of courage, and forgiveness.

If we are in a massive sulk. We need the gift of getting over ourselves.

Yes! There is the gift of the Spirit to the “other”, the “stranger” with a different language or culture with whom we can receive the gift partnering.

Our days are held together with the unstated gifts like these. The day to day gifts of God we recognise and understand but often go unnoticed.

***“Let anyone who has an ear listen to the what the Spirit is saying to the churches”
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Yes! We can at anniversaries and birthday's reflect on what God's Spirit is saying to us and review what God wants of us in the churches in our witness and ministry. We can rekindle the fire of Pentecost and rediscover the flames of God's heart as we seek to witness to God's love. “Tradition” says the composer Gustav Mahler, “is the handing down of the flame, not the worship of the ashes.” We reflect on this next month.

For now, we remember Pentecost as we listen for the Spirit for ourselves. It may not always be the great balls of fire for which we listen. Sometimes it is the small still voice. The flames still flicker in a million ordinary gifts, lighting the way as we wander along.

God bless

Roger

Tolworth Family Circle

Cynthia Stock is awaiting further hospital appointments which we hope will be soon. Gillian Jones is recovering after surgery and is gradually improving.

Congratulations to Margaret Taylor on becoming a great grandmother after the sudden early arrival of Theodore who is now doing well, as is his mother

Thank you to the ladies who arranged the lovely flowers we had in Church for Easter

Tolworth URC's 90th Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Tolworth URC on the weekend of 9th, 10th, & 11th June. On the Friday and Saturday we shall be holding an exhibition of memorabilia from our beginning in 1933 to present day. All are welcome to the exhibition between 10am and 4pm on 9th & 10th June and it will still be on show at the special communion service on Sunday 11th which will be led by Roger, our minister. This service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. If you will be attending the lunch, please let Brenda Kelly know what you will be bringing to avoid duplication. Thank You.

Moira

Diary for May – Tolworth

Wednesday	3 th	10.00am	Playtime
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Linda Lambert
Wednesday	10 th	10.00am	Playtime
Thursday	11 th	2.30pm	Coronation tea party
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Mrs Katrina Clifford
Monday	15 th	5.30pm	Pilots
Wednesday	17 th	10.00am	Playtime
Thursday	18 th	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sunday	21st	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Communion led by our Minister Evergreen Church
Monday	22 nd	5.30pm	Pilots
Wednesday	24 th	10.00am	Playtime
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Family Service led by our Minister

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Sunday	4th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Revd Barbara Pearson
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Ewell Family News for May

Thanks to Pamela Galliers and her team for the beautiful floral decorations in the Church for Easter Sunday. Thanks also to the children of the Korean community, who sang for us during the service.

We also have to thank our Korean friends for inviting us to lunch on Sunday 23rd, which gave us an opportunity to sample and enjoy Korean food, and to share fellowship together.

Our Bible Study group is proving a good opportunity to share thoughts on Jesus's parables. If any friends from Tolworth would like to share this time with us they would be very welcome.

May 2023 Diary for London Road URC Ewell

Sunday 7th 10.30 am	Morning worship with Holy Communion, conducted by Revd Barbara Pearson
Tuesday 9th 12.30 pm	Lunch Club at The Haywain, Epsom (names to Dennis or Anne Sexton)
Sunday 14th 10.30 am	Easter Day morning worship conducted by Revd Roger Jones
Monday 15 th 10 am	Elders' Meeting
12.30- 2 pm	Bible Study led by Revd Barbara Pearson
Saturday 20 th 7 pm	Quiz Night in aid of Christian Aid. Further details elsewhere in Concord.
Sunday 21st 10.30 am	Morning worship conducted by Revd Barbara Pearson
Thursday 25 th 2-3 pm	Friendship Hour
Sunday 28th 10.30 am	Morning worship conducted by Revd David Skitt

June

Sunday 4th 10.30 am	Morning worship with Holy Communion, conducted by Revd Roger Jones, including celebration of the Church's Anniversary
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Biscuit Club

The Biscuit Club has now been running a year and we are very small in numbers, but each afternoon is varied and interesting.

The next date is Thursday May 11th when will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles with a Tea Party. The cost is £5 and if you would like to join us please give me your name as soon as possible please.

The following month we will be helping to set up the exhibition for the 90th celebration of Tolworth United Reformed Church. There will be photos etc on show and The Biscuit Club have been asked to help prepare the vestibule and church for visitors to come and visit us. It will mean putting chairs out and generally making the church very clean and tidy for all the visitors.

Thank you for your support

Come to our
14th Annual

QUIZ NIGHT AND SUPPER

At The
Youth Centre,
London Road United Reformed Church,
KT17 2BE, on Saturday, 20th May, 2023
at 7p.m.

Tickets cost £12.50 for adults and £7 for children under 12 years, and include a fish, chicken or veg., and chips supper. Bring your own drink, fruit juice will be provided.

Bring your friends and make up a team (max 8)
All proceeds to Christian Aid.

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Organisers:
London Rd
URC

Tickets are
available from Alan Wood by
telephone T: (020) 8397 8307
or M: 07783 572234, or by
email: alanuwood@gmail.com

You may order in advance
and collect and pay at the door.

From Brenda Kelly

Blossom is all around and the apple tree is showing delicate pink blossom. Even the roses have bud's beginning to show. So roll on summer!

So once again whatever we do we cannot stop the seasons, even though they seem to get a bit mixed up. So keep believing, being positive and smiling.

Brenda

Roger Fenn's May Quiz - Joseph

The story of Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis is a real roller-coaster – from pit, to prison, to palace. How much do we remember of this great epic?

1. Which two factors alienated Joseph from his brothers?
2. The brothers intended to kill Joseph. Who prevented this?
3. Who suggested selling him into slavery instead?
4. For how much money did the brothers sell Joseph to the traders?
5. How did they deceive their father, Jacob?
6. Who bought Joseph as a slave?
7. Why was Joseph imprisoned?
8. In prison Joseph interpreted the dreams of which two people?
9. When the pharaoh had a dream, who put in a good word for Joseph?
10. What did the pharaoh's dreams signify?

An invitation

Members of Tolworth meet for lunch at The Hogsmill, Worcester Park. However, Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to change some of the dates for for Ladies and Gentlemen who lunch. We would like to invite friends from Ewell
The dates:

7th. June
12th. July

The time is 12.30

If you would like to join us please let me know the Sunday before, so I can book the table

Thanks

Brenda (01372 743968)

May Quiz – Answers

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| 1. | His father's favouritism and his boastful dreams | Ch 37 v 3 / 5 |
| 2. | Rheuben | Ch 37 v 21 |
| 3. | Judah | Ch 37 v 27 |
| 4. | 20 Shekels of silver | Ch 37 v 28 |
| 5. | Dipped his robe in goat's blood and said, "We have found this?" | |
| 6. | Potiphar, captain of the pharaoh's guard | Ch 37 v 36 |
| 7. | Potiphar's wife accused Joseph of trying to seduce her | Ch 39 v 7 |
| 8. | The pharaoh's cup-bearer and baker | |
| 9. | The pharaoh's cup-bearer who had been reinstated | Ch 41 v 11-13 |
| 10. | Seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine | Ch 41 v 29 |

CHANGES

Thank God for the changes in nature,
The seasons, the circling years.
Flowers droop and we're sad, the seeds sprout and we're glad,
Let's welcome them, banish our fears.

Thank God for the changes in children,
The growth of their bodies and minds,
One moment they're small, turn around and they're tall,
Let's welcome the changes and signs.

Thank God for the changes in people,
The change in ourselves that we see.
We can welcome new ways, when we pray and we praise -
Let's welcome new you and new me.

Thank God for the changes in churches,
New knowledge, new insights God gives.
God's love flowing free, for you and for me -
Let's welcome the truth – the church lives.

Thank God who is faithful, unchanging,
We trust where we never can see.
God has shown us the way, though we stumble we stay
Upheld by the love given free.

Barbara Pearson

SUNDAY WORSHIP at TOLWORTH

Morning Worship at 10.30

3rd Sunday of month - Evergreen Worship at 6.30pm

(You can still join in with Roger at 10.30am on Sundays
'Phone: 03306 060403 with code 1529640# - remember the #)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT LONDON ROAD URC, EWELL

Morning Worship at 10.30

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Organist	Vacant
Safeguarding	Mr. D. Mugridge
Commitment for Life	Revd B Pearson
Pulpit Supply	Revd B Pearson
Friendship Hour	Revd B Pearson & Mr. D. Sexton
Lunch Club	Mr. and Mrs. D. Sexton
Bible Study	Revd B Pearson
Finance & Property	Mr G. Pearson, Mr. D. Mugridge & Mr. M. Westbrook
Synod Rep.	Miss Rosemary Holmes

Thanks to those who have contributed to this edition - please keep them coming – especially from London Road! We hope to publish a magazine for June. Please let me have all your material by 18th May.