JUNE 2018
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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SAINT COLUMBA'S CHURCH
Cambridge

JOINING TO BECOME

DOWNING PLACE U.R.C.

ON

9TH JUNE 2018
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Dear Friends

This is the first magazine of Downing Place United Reformed Church. Welcome!

As it goes to press we are in the last days of preparing for the transition from being Emmanuel and St Columba’s United Reformed Churches into the new community we have discerned God to be calling us to become. As your ministers, John and I feel privileged to be with you on this road. The privilege is both because of our admiration for your vision and courage, and because what is being created is rich in resources and potential to evolve into something effective and fruitful.

As we look ahead, it is also right for us to glance backwards, with a word of thanks to you all for what in some cases is several decades of devoted membership of one of the uniting churches. There wouldn’t be a new church of such riches were it not for the unrelenting efforts of many before us and in our own day. They are evidence of the grace of God and of the dedication of Christ’s followers. The glory goes to God, the thanks to each of you.

All that said, I confess to a little of that stomach churning which seems always to accompany a new beginning, be it school or job, relationship or neighbourhood. What will Downing Place Church be like? Will I like what it is like? What is there still left to do? How will we hold together as we navigate the considerable issues – practical and philosophical - that remain to be resolved? Frankly, the butterflies are entirely in order. We do no-one any favours by entering into this adventure with a naïve \textit{laissez-faire} attitude? Equally, the butterflies ought not to induce panic. The more relevant
submission date for this letter is Pentecost weekend, and little could be more appropriate than that. Just as the gift of the Holy Spirit marked the birth of the church, equipping it for its life and work in Jerusalem and beyond, so, too, for us. I dare to believe that the foresight and obedience which have brought us to this moment of serious change are the work of the Spirit in us. That the grace and fellowship which are developing as we all get to know each other – our qualities and our quirks - are the work of the Spirit in us. That the emerging sense of mission-shaped purpose and of energy for it, are the work of the Spirit in us. And whatever else it is, prayer is the opening of ourselves to that Spirit, to the presence and power of the God who called us into this and whose covenant commitment is to be with us to the end of the age. Prayer is less about telling God what our plans are, than listening to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Maybe Michael Baughen, the former Bishop of Chester, has a prayer to inspire us, to equip us and to quell our stomachs:

   Spirit of the living God,
   move among us all;
   make us one in heart and mind,
   make us one in love;
   humble, caring,
   selfless, sharing -
   spirit of the Living God,
   fill our lives with love.

May that be so for Downing Place United Reformed Church, and for the world in which it takes its place.

Warmly, in Christ

   Nigel Uden & John Bradbury
Downing Place
United Reformed Church
Cambridge

uniting Emmanuel and St Columba’s

INAUGURAL SERVICE

Saturday 9th June 2018
2.30pm
in St Columba’s

Presiding Minister:
The Moderator of the URC’s Eastern Synod
The Revd Paul Whittle

Preacher:
The Revd Dr Jane Leach
Principal, Wesley House, Cambridge

All are warmly invited.

Refreshments will follow:
It is not essential, but if you could advise Ann or Elaine in the church offices or sign up on the sheet in Emmanuel Church that you will be present, that would help with catering.
Pastoral News

Congratulations to the Revd Bernard Fidder, who has received and accepted a call to ministry at St Andrews, Canterbury and Sandwich. Bernard and Ada will move in August and the induction is planned for 15 September. Our prayers and very best wishes are with Bernard and Ada.

A note to let you know that Christine Speirs has gone to live at Hinton Grange, Cherry Hinton. We wish her good health and happiness in her new home.

I would very much like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and support during my recent bout of pneumonia. I am improving daily although still resting as much as possible. My special thanks to Nigel, Jenny and Ann for stepping in, taking on the important tasks and giving me the time to recover. Thanks also to Joanne in the Therapy Centre who dealt with any callers to the halls. It has been very much appreciated and has helped my recovery enormously.

Elaine

Forthcoming Events

Praying for Downing Place URC

As previously announced, from the beginning of June there will be a different pattern of opportunities to gather to pray for the ongoing development of the life, work and witness of our church:

On the first Monday of each month, at 12.30, prayer and a simple lunch, in different homes. Bread, cheese, fruit and a hot drink will be provided. There will be the opportunity to make a donation to cover the cost.
Monthly gathering for prayer after the Sunday morning service (dates to be announced month by month).

**Forthcoming dates:**

**Monday 4th June, 12.30,** at the home of Pamela Cressey. *Please let Pamela know if you intend to come so that she knows how many to cater for.*

**Sunday 17th June** in Emmanuel Church, following the morning service.

**Monday 2nd July, 12.30,** at the home of Ted and Margaret Dennison.

**Sunday 15th July** in St Columba’s Church, following the morning service.

If you are not able to be present at these gatherings, you may wish to join with us in prayer wherever you are.

*Elizabeth Whitehorn*

**SPRING CLEAN APPEAL!**

Downing Place URC comes into being officially on 1 June. At time of change, here is a request from the Emmanuel archivist: I am seeking material which you may have retained, such as a special order of service, a concert programme, or an item that was produced to raise funds at the time of the redevelopment, to give some examples. Your files and drawers may reveal other treasures. If you would prefer not to part with your own copy, than it may be possible to make a duplicate. Do see me for advice and we’ll take it from there.

*Margaret Thompson*
Emmanuel Bookstall

A word of explanation to friends at St Columba’s - of the principle of the bookstall, as distinct from that run at St Columba’s. We have an amicable arrangement with Heffers bookshop in Trinity Street, from where we obtain books with a Christian perspective - in its widest sense. They are issued on a sale or return basis, a discount of 10% being offered on all sales, enabling us to build up a reasonable selection of books over the years. We have sold over £2000 worth of books - on Sunday mornings and during the week when the fair shares café is open, over the past 5 years.

Our purpose is to encourage the ‘religious reading habit’ and improve our understanding of the Christian faith particularly, and other faiths generally.

I took over this enterprise from Dr Walter Houston (ex Westminster College) in 1993 and feel it is time to hand over to someone with fresh ideas, and am pleased to say that Emmanuel member (Mrs) Hazel Sanderson has offered to take over this important aspect of church activity to the benefit of all who value the written word.

Ted Dennison
A CONCERT BY THE CANTILENA SINGERS AT EMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

Raindrops on Roses - Saturday 7 July, 7.30pm

with Mark Dawes – organ and piano
(Judy and Tim Rowland sing with the choir).

Come and hear Hubert H. Parry’s *Blest Pair of Sirens*, in his centennial year. This will be a programme of choral favourites that will also include works by Fauré, Stanford, Pearsall, Wood, and Vaughan Williams, and several lighter pieces!

Tickets £10 on the door. Free admission for under 18s.

FILM NIGHT - THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

As we follow the broad theme of ‘Walking the Way’, the next film chosen is ‘Little Miss Sunshine’ 1hr 41minutes. Rated 15. Comedy/drama. A family, determined to get their young daughter into the finals of a beauty pageant, take a cross-country trip in their VW bus. Usual venue. Doors open 6.45pm for 7pm start followed by ice cream and conversation. It is helpful but not essential to know who plans to attend. Easy parking. Lifts can be arranged.

Rosemary Johnston
INDUCTION OF MODERATOR

The service at which Nigel is to be inducted as Moderator of the General Assembly is at 2.00pm on Friday 6th July 2018, in the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Please speak to Yvonne Norgett if you would like to travel to Nottingham and either have no transport or could offer someone a lift.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION DAY 12TH JULY 2018 - THETFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Considering Discipleship by reflecting on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s classic “The Cost of Discipleship”
Thursday 12th July 2018 at Thetford United Reformed Church, Earls Street, Thetford, IP24 2AD

You are warmly invited to Eastern Synod's Theological Reflection Day on Thursday 12th July at Thetford URC. Our Moderator Rev Paul Whittle will be presenting the paper for discussion.
We will meet from 10.30am for tea and coffee, for a prompt 11am start, and will aim to be finished by 2.30pm. Drinks will be provided during the day but please bring your own lunch. There is no charge for the event, but you should register your interest by e-mailing Sue Drane at the Synod Office or Tel: 01223 830770.
The paper will be sent out to those who sign up for the day a few days before the event so that they can be read prior to the discussion.

A date for your diary: the next Theological Reflection Day is on the 30th November 2018 at Halstead United Reformed Church.
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Downing Place United Reformed Church

Bible Readings and Prayer Topics
June 2018

Below are the Bible readings we will be following in worship at Trumpington Street during June. You are invited to read them before coming to church.

Overleaf are local prayer topics for each day of the month, covering church and related matters, and a reminder of regular weekly events that need our prayer support.

Bible readings for June:

3rd June: Deuteronomy 5, 12-15; Psalm 81. 1-10;
Mark 2. 23-3.6.

10th June: Genesis 3. 8-15; Psalm 130;
Mark 3. 20-35.

17th June: Ezekiel 17. 22-24; Psalm 92. 1-4, 12-15;
13), 14-17. Mark 4. 26-34.

24th June: Job 38. 1-11; Psalm 107. 1-3,23-32;
Mark 4. 35-41.

2 Corinthians 4. 5-12;
2 Corinthians 4. 13-5.1;
2 Corinthians 5. 6-10, (11-13), 14-17.
2 Corinthians 6. 1-13;
AN ARROW PRAYER FOR EACH DAY

(CHR = Cherry Hinton Road; TS = Trumpington Street; DPURC = Downing Place)

1st Pray for our Ministers, John and Nigel—that God may strengthen and uphold them every day throughout the coming year.

2nd Thank God for the Elders, in particular, the Joint Elders Meeting, as the congregation moves into a new relationship with one another in this city.

3rd Pray for all members of this congregation, that our church may become a place of friendship, encouragement and support for all.

4th Pray for the caretakers and cleaners who keep our buildings fresh and clean—may they know the satisfaction of work well done.

5th Pray for the Fair Shares Café, the cooks, Alison and Katie, and all working in the kitchen and in the front. Pray for more volunteers to help!

6th Pray for the Group Therapy Centre in Downing Place—for the staff and members. May they find encouragement and support in their daily lives.

7th Pray for the Film Night this evening in Histon. We pray this will stimulate conversation and friendship. We are grateful for warm hospitality.

8th Pray for Street Pastors patrolling the city on Friday and Saturday nights, and for Safe Refuge, ‘Nightlite’ located at Downing Place on Saturday nights.

9th Pray for all taking part in the Inauguration Service for Downing Place URC, Cambridge, for Revd Paul Whittle and Revd Dr Jane Leach, and pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our lives with God’s love.

10th Pray for our members leading worship in other churches today (see over) and thank God for all lay preachers and retired ministers who faithfully serve in local churches.

11th Pray for the Cambridge Area Partnership meeting in Sawston to discuss ‘Safeguarding’ with Nicola Grieves. Pray for any such situations you know.

12th Pray for the Tuesday Club sharing afternoon tea together, and thank God for their friendship and fellowship.

13th Pray for Elaine Barker and Ann Auger who manage the work involved with two buildings, and support the many groups who use them.

14th Pray for the Cambridge Knit Café, meeting on Thursday afternoons in TS, and for the many organisations they support at home and overseas.

15th Pray for the street people who come into the Cafe for lunch. May they always find a welcome and a listening ear, if that is what they are seeking.

16th Pray for Michael Birke, our Time for God Worker—and all young people who come into our fellowship—may they find a warm and friendly welcome.
17th Pray for those involved with music which enhances our Sunday worship—for the co-organists, Mark and Ian, the choir and the orchestra. Praise the Lord!!

18th Pray for the Group Therapy Centre in Downing Place— for the staff and for those who attend both regularly or occasionally. May they find help, encouragement and support in their daily lives.

19th Pray for the fellowship meeting at CHR which meets every Tuesday afternoon, and thank God for Julia who plans the meetings, Janet at the piano, and for all the speakers who give their time.

20th Pray for the Church Secretary, Yvonne Norgett, Church Treasurer, Ian Strachan, and all members of the newly formed DPURC committees.

21st Pray for the Gibson Lunch Club—for the cooks, the guests and the fellowship shared.

22nd Pray for the ‘Windrush’ 70th Anniversary Service in Westminster Abbey. Pray for anyone you know affected by the ‘hostile environment’ created by the Home Office that they may now find peace and security.

23rd Pray for the TLS (Training, Learning, Serving) Thanksgiving Service at Carrs Lane URC; for John Proctor (preaching) and Janet Tollington (telling the TLS story). Pray for all those touched by TLS.

24th Pray for our own members leading Morning Worship in Downing Place this morning. May the message they bring speak to your situation . . .

25th Pray for Rachel and the team at Wintercomfort who run its spin-off organisations, Overstream Clean and Food4Food, which provide employment for people who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness.

26th Pray for Eddies—the organisation which supports people with special needs in employment, for David Clark, and our friends in the Café.

27th Pray for the musicians who play in the weekly Wednesday lunchtime concerts in TS, and for Ann Auger, who plans them; and Rosemary Johnson, Chris Wright and Moira Laidlaw who provide a friendly welcome.

28th Pray for our partner congregations at Fulbourn, Duxford, Whittlesford and Cherry Hinton Road, and for their Church Officers.

29th Pray for the Chinese Church meeting at Downing Place. May they know the presence of the Spirit and the love of God here in Cambridge.

30th Pray for your family and friends, especially those who are facing difficulties and sadness at this time. Pray for the love of God to surround them.
Church members preaching during June:

3rd June
Chris Baker: Newmarket
Paul Whittle: Fowlmere

10th June
Janet Bottoms: Buntingford
Liz Caswell: Castle Camps
Penny Flynn: Saffron Walden
Maureen Kendall: Melbourn
John Proctor: Rose Hill, Chesterfield
Janet Tollington: Bassingbourn;
evening: Chappell, Colchester
Nigel Uden: Fulbourn
Paul Whittle: Clare;
   afternoon: North Avenue, Chelmsford

17th June
Liz Caswell: Wickhambrook
Penny Flynn: Buntingford
Janet Tollington: Cheveley
Nigel Uden: Fulbourn;
   Cherry Hinton Road.

24th June
Chris Baker: Melbourn
John Proctor: Elmwood, Birnmingham
Janet Tollington: Buntingford
Members’ Group Service at DPURC.

A Collect:
Eternal God, we believe that the Church
Is the people gathered by your love
To proclaim the reconciliation of the world to you through Jesus Christ . . .

As Downing Place URC, we strive to take our part
In serving your mission in Cambridge.

We pray for
vision to understand what you want us to be,
willingness to go where we have never been before,
faith to trust that you will journey with us, and
grace to bind us together as your body,
That we may discern your Word and live your love
for the blessing of the city,
for the building up of the church,
and for the glory of your name,
through that same Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and praise. Amen.
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CHRISTIAN AID DIAMOND AWARD

Dr. Pamela Cressey has been given a Diamond Award for her support for Christian Aid over many years. During Christian Aid Week this year Dr. Rowan Williams, the Chair of the Christian Aid Board of Trustees and Master of Magdalene, presented Pamela with her award at a coffee morning where he met with members of the Cambridge Christian Aid committee.

Pamela is the Chair of the committee, which meets at her home. She chairs the meeting, always providing an inspiring reading and prayer. She organises supporters and collectors in the villages around Cambridge, making sure that they get their materials for the Christian Aid Week collections and events. And of course she is involved in everything that is done to raise money for Christian Aid, in our Church and in the City.

Pamela’s support for Christian Aid goes back to 1960, when she held her first coffee morning in her garden in Coventry, an event which continued for nearly fifty years, with crafts and baking provided by her children and friends – even providing a daily Christian Aid Week delivery, before school time, of freshly baked bread to enthusiastic neighbours!

Congratulations to Pamela for this recognition of her dedicated work.
BBQ PARTY

Downing Place URC invites its members to a BBQ Party. It will be an evening full of good conversations and more important full of good food. Moreover you have the option to play some nice garden games. There will be games provided but feel free to bring your own if you like and please bring some folding chairs, if you have some.

Where? At the Manse’s Garden, 3 Mayfield Rd, Cambridge CB3 0PH
When? 23rd June, 5 to 8 PM

Organised by the current TFG volunteer Michael. Please fill in the list in the garden room if you can come and if you can bring food, e.g. salad, bread, etc.
Hate waste?
Want to help others?

Could you spare a few hours a week to volunteer for a ground breaking new initiative in Arbury? Fairbite is a food club at Arbury Ct. open to people known to be struggling to put food on the table. We collect food that would go to waste and provide it to those in need.

We need volunteers to sign up NOW to help with running the shop, sorting and stacking food and deliveries.

Visit: www.fairbite.org.uk/volunteer to find out more

Fairbite is an initiative of Cambridge City Foodbank, Reg. Charity 1149883, Eng & Wales
JUNE SPECIAL CAUSE

More than 140 million children worldwide have lost one or both parents. When a child's world is turned upside down, SOS Children’s Villages UK works to give them a home and a family with siblings and a trained SOS parent. We provide communities where children can grow up from infancy to adulthood with quality education and medical care.

Our emergency work ensures that children and families coping with conflict and disaster receive immediate life-saving aid, trauma counselling and the support they need to rebuild their lives, such as helping refugee children reunite with their families. We also advocate for children's rights and the improvement of quality care at international, national and local levels, encouraging children to have a voice in the decisions that affect them.

More information can be found on our website:

www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk

Donations can be placed in the envelopes in the chair backs, and can be gift-aided to ‘SOS Children’s Villages UK’
TIME FOR GOD – background information

‘I know that any improvements in my life have come as a result of my time at Emmanuel’ ‘We can be significantly more effective in our local mission thanks to a Time for God worker.’

https://www.timeforgod.org/ Time for God is a British based organisation which links international volunteers with local placements. The volunteers are usually in their late teens or early twenties taking a gap year before further education. Emmanuel has had the joy of welcoming workers annually for the last eighteen years. http://www.emmanuel-urc.org.uk/time-for-god/

So far Emmanuel volunteers have come from five different countries. Most volunteers recently have come from Germany. Time for God deals with all the selection by checking suitability, references and competency in English. We provides a placement description and an outline of the work. Information is received about a suitable volunteer and if we proceed then the volunteer receives information about us and the work. Then we have a Skype conversation and both can agree to continue, or not.

Time for God runs an excellent support system. The young person has an arrival conference and then a conference during the year. An assigned Field Officer visits. There are guidelines for host homes; we work a system of a host home on each of the three terms. Hosts receive a contribution of £170 per month to cover food. We provide the young person with an allowance, of £165 per month, via time for God, for personal items. Currently Time for God is supported via the Erasmus fund to which we supply evidence of good practice. https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-funding This reduces our costs.

The volunteer arrives in September and has a week of settling and induction. Practicalities include setting up a bank account, registering with a GP, applying for DBS and being introduced to the congregation.
Currently the main work is in the café both kitchen and front of house with time in the church office for publicity, leaflets and administration. The volunteer is on the Junior Church rota and regularly visits an older member of the congregation. The programme is overseen by a supervisor who meets weekly with the volunteer, to discuss their work and well-being, monitoring hours and holidays, and deals with all the Time for God liaison and paperwork. A member of the congregation is designated as a Church Friend and English practice is provided. Each young person can then contribute according to their skills and interests. These might be playing a musical instrument, singing in the choir, working on the website or sound system, or being creative with displays. They join the Young Adults Group and are part of the worshipping congregation. Time is given, along with everyone else, to reflecting on faith and life.

Personal links made continue down the years. TfGs return and their lives are watched with delight. Everyone is blessed by this engagement.

We are now preparing to welcome Carina Bikker at the end of August. She is from Buxtuhude, near Hamburg. Her English is very good. She is ‘very excited’ to be coming and looking forward to her year.
One Tuesday in April we enjoyed a visit to the **Guildhall**, spending time in the Council Chamber, the room where City Council meetings are held and discussions take place. In a similar way to MP’s having their seats arranged according to their political party, so the City Councillors are also neatly placed. On a higher level sits the **Mayor** who must remain neutral during political debates. His **Sergeant-at-Mace**, known as Sam, told us something of the history of Cambridge and of his duties in the city. For example he is required to bear the Mace whenever the Queen visits the City. However, it must be turned upside down in her presence and remain so until she departs. The Mace is then again carried with the Crown uppermost acknowledging that the status of First Citizen of Cambridge has been returned to the Mayor.

**Cambridge Mayor and Master-at-Mace in Council chamber-Sam’s Robe on left of the photo.**

**The following Tuesday we enjoyed listening to **Friends from Bar Hill Church** entertaining us with some **Caribbean songs** all of us being suitably decked with flower garlands. We then sat down to our annual tea party.**
The next edition will be the July & August 2018 edition and will be published to be available in church on Sunday 1st July 2018.

Please send any items for inclusion to

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to arrive no later than Friday 22nd June 2018.