

Lancaster Road United Reformed Church

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Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field.
Matthew 9:37, 38*



October 2025 Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

I pray this month's letter from me finds you well? It's my favourite time of year again with all the changing colours. I'm just amazed at how quickly this year is going. It really is true isn't it, the older you get the years pass quicker. Alternatively, I'm having so much fun time is flying by!

I've been thinking about harvest time and remembering harvest times gone by. One of my daughters used to love the harvest song,

*'Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green
Strawberries are sweeter than any I've seen
Beetroots purple and onions white
All grow steadily day and night
The apples are ripe, the plums are red
The broadbeans are sleepin' in a blankety bed'.*



When I was at school we sang the more traditional hymns, the most frequent being,

*'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed
on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's
almighty hand'.*

In the times we find ourselves in, the seeds we need to be sowing (and are called to sow), are the seeds of the good news of salvation offered to us by Jesus, remembering what the hymn says, *'but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'.*

The Holy Spirit does the convicting of people's hearts but our stories of faith and how God has rescued us from our sinfulness are the seeds we must sow.

Now as the parable explains in Matthew 13:4-8

'some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose,

they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,'

Let us pray that the seeds we sow fall on good soil so that we can encourage people to turn to Jesus and that they will have strong roots to hold them firm during life's trials.

It's not just the sowing we are called to do; we are also called to be harvest people. This harvest time let us think of the harvest that is out there. The harvest of people. In Luke, Jesus told them,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Luke 10:2).

May God guide us this Autumn to be strong and courageous with our faith and that he sends people across our paths for us to share the wonderful story of Jesus' salvation with. May God also bless you this season and I pray we can all try to avoid colds, flu, or any other nasty viruses as we sow and harvest.

God bless,

Ruth

Our Church Mission Statement.

"As a Church our desire is to worship God and grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. To show and nurture love, joy, peace and justice in our fellowship, community and to all people through the power of the Holy Spirit."



The URC is a partner of Warm Welcome and encourages churches to consider if they could run a 'warm welcome' space over the colder months.

These spaces are an excellent way to show that your congregation cares about people and community, and can be a first step for many people into a positive relationship with their neighbour-

hood church.

For a unique chance to learn about how Warm Welcome equips spaces to support communities through winter, join the online launch of the Warm Welcome 2025-2026 campaign, taking place from 7-8pm on 21 October. Warm Welcome spaces can suit a wide range of people. They can be a benefit to people who find heating their own homes challenging. They can offer those who feel isolated or lonely an opportunity to sit with others and maybe have a chat. And it can also attract carers and others who often work from home to have some respite, rest and social connection with the wider community.

By registering (for free) with Warm Welcome, your event details will be promoted and searchable on their map along with thousands of other spaces around the country, and you can benefit from advice and tools to help make your space a wonderful success.

You can also attend the Warm Welcome 2025-2026 launch which takes place online from 7-8pm on 21 October. Join for a unique chance to learn about how Warm Welcome equips spaces to support communities through winter.

Register by 12pm on 21 October to be sent the joining details. To register, see <https://registration.crowdcomms.com/ww25/register>.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
29 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 NOTE Large Hall	30	1 Bible Study 9.45 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm	2
6 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall	7 Bible Study Church Lounge 8.15pm	8 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm	9
13 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall	14	15 Bible Study 9.45 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm	16
20 Toddlers 9.30-11.30 Small Hall	21 Bible Study Church Lounge 8.15pm	22 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm	23
27 No Toddlers this week. School half term holiday	28	29 Bible Study 9.45 Food Hub 10.00-12pm Prayer at Home 9.30pm	30

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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	3 Shoppers Coffee in the church 10-2pm With lunch	4 Safeguarding & Risk assessment. BHP URC See separate note	5 Morning Communion 11.15am Mrs Laura marlow
	10 Shoppers Coffee in the church 10-12	11	12 Morning service Harvest Thanksgiving 11.15am Revd Martin Legg Followed by Harvest Lunch
	17 Shoppers Coffee in the church 10-12	18	19 Morning service 11.15am Revd Ruth Dewis Evening service 6.30pm @ LR
	24 Shoppers Coffee in the church 10-12	25	26 Morning Service 11.15am Ms Evodian Fonyonga
	Shoppers Coffee in the church 10-12 31	1	2 Morning Communion 11.15am Revd Ruth Dewis (Church hall)



HARVEST

Our morning All Age/Parade Service, commencing at 11.15am on Sunday 12th October and led by Rev. Martin Legg, will be a service to celebrate 'Harvest'. This year we will be collecting food to then distribute through the Food Hub that we are operating, at Lancaster Road on a Wednesday morning. If you would like to make food donations to the Food Hub, please could you give non-perishable items such as tins, packets etc. that can be stored until needed.

Suggested items are:

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Fruit juice (carton)
Pasta sauces
Tomatoes (tinned)
Rice pudding (tinned)
Instant mashed potato
Tinned meat/fish
Jam

Sugar
Soup
Baked Beans
Cereals
Tea bags/Instant coffee
Rice/Pasta
Tinned fruit
Biscuits/Snack bars

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please place this in an envelope marked 'Food Hub' and place it in the offertory.

We really look forward to seeing you and your family at our Harvest Service. Following the service, we will be having a harvest lunch. Please see the list of food items we would like in the lounge

Thank you. Clare Locke Church Secretary

Rededication and Thanksgiving Service—Sunday 2nd November, 11.15am

Our morning communion service will be led by our minister Ruth, and will be in the church hall to give thanks and to rededicate our refurbished premises as part of our Mission Building Project. The service will be followed by a buffet lunch to which everyone is invited

Saturday 4th October

Bush Hill Park URC

10.00 am – 12.30 pm



Preparing your own Church Risk Assessment 10am to 11am

This is an interactive session looking at Church Risk Assessments to enable churches to put together their own bespoke Assessments for the different activities they hold.

Safeguarding 11.30am – 12.30pm

This is open to anyone within the church not only those who are required to complete safeguarding training. It will look at the different types of abuse which people may come across, how to recognise signs of abuse and to whom and how to report abuse. Again this is an interactive activity.

For further information and to register your interest, please contact

Vivienne Legg, safeguarding@lrurc.org.uk by Thursday 3rd October 2025.

Flower Rota

October 5th Beryl and Paul Woolley for their Wedding Anniversary

12th HARVEST

19th Anna Drummond remembering Bill and for Anna's birthday

26th Brian Page remembering June

November 2nd Beryl and Paul Woolley remembering Maisie .

Church Meetings

Our church meetings are moving to Sundays after worship during the Autumn/Winter months. Our next meeting is on **Sunday 9th November** after our Remembrance Service at 12 noon. The meetings are open to everyone who attends church, however, only church members may vote on any resolutions.



Being a member of the URC means committing to a diverse Christian community, participating in its life and decision-making, and supporting its mission through faith, action, and financial giving. Membership can involve a personal confession of faith and baptism, followed by a formal welcome into the local congregation. Members are encouraged to engage in worship, support the church, and contribute to the shared work of showing God's love and mercy to the world.

Two important aspects of church membership are:

Commitment and support:

Members commit to supporting the church through regular attendance at worship, financial giving, and participation in its activities and meetings.

Participation in decision-making:

Membership allows you to participate in the Church Meeting, where decisions are made about the local church's life and future.

Membership signifies a public commitment to following Jesus Christ and belonging to a specific Christian community.

If you would like to know more about joining the church family at Lancaster Road, please speak to Ruth, Martin or one of the Elders.

Grace Wilson's 90th Birthday and World Record Breaking Award



Grace used to be a regular of the Friday morning shoppers church club at the URC, and is still an active participant in the St Luke's choir.

It was presented at the Birthday celebration at the Robin Hood attended by Family and friend's.

From Tony Claydon

Christ Church 150th anniversary

Christ Church 150th anniversary celebratory events and dates for 2025, including a couple of updates and additions, are:

- **Lunchtime @ Christ Church on the following Saturdays -**
- **11 October, 12:00pm-2:00pm. .**
- **Enfield Choral Society Concert - Saturday 8 November, 7:30pm.** Further details to follow.
- **Anniversary Service led by the Moderator of Thames North Synod, the Revd George Watt - Sunday 16 November, 10:45am. This will be a North Enfield Pastorate service at Christ Church.**
- **'From Zion Chapel to Christ Church: A story of Congregationalists in Enfield' - Wednesday 19 November, 3:00pm at Jubilee Hall, 2 Parsonage Lane.** This is an illustrated talk by Stephen Gilburt organised by the Edmonton Hundred Historical Society. All members and friends from Christ Church will be welcome.
- **Christmas Tree Festival - Saturday 13 December.** Further details to follow.

50 Years +

On Sunday 14th September, Ruth presented certificates to members who had achieved 50 years membership of Lancaster Road.



Above are Terry, Beryl, Ruth, Viv and Martin. Beryl had been a junior member at Bush Hill Park before becoming a member at Lancaster Road in 1975.

Peter and Audrey Williams brought their Platinum Wedding anniversary card that they had received from the King and Queen.

Congratulations to them all.

Duty Elders for October 2025

Date	11.15 a.m.	Notes	6:30 p.m.	Notes
5 th	Beryl	<i>Holy Communion</i>		
12 th	Clare	<i>All Age Parade Service (Harvest)</i>	Chris	<i>Joint Service LR lead</i>
19 th	Graham			
26 th	Clare			

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2 nd	Chris/Graham	<i>Holy Communion</i>		
9 th	Martin	<i>Remembrance 10.45am</i>		
16 th	Christ Church Ann	<i>LR Closed</i>	Graham	<i>Joint Service LR lead</i>
23 rd 30 th	Beryl Clare	Joint Service LR		

Duty Elders for December 2025

Date	11.15 a.m.	Notes	6:30 p.m.	Notes
7 th	Beryl	<i>Holy Communion</i>		
14 th	Chris	<i>Toy Service/Parade</i>		
21 st 24 th	Graham	<i>Christingle</i>	Carol Service Beryl	<i>@ St. Johns Communion 9.30pm</i>
25 th	Clare	<i>Christmas Day 10.30am</i>		
28 th	CC Joint Service	<i>Breakfast @ 10.30am</i>		

Elders marked in **BOLD** are responsible for reading notices at that service. Please let them have any notices 10 minutes before the start of the service. Elders on duty at a **Communion Service** must ensure that the person presiding at Communion informs the congregation of the Charity/Organisation receiving the Communion Offertory and that the collection plate is on the Communion Table. Thank you

**Youth & Childrens work Activities
In the Church Hall Armfield Road.**

Toddler group – 0-4 yrs

Monday morning 9.30 – 11.30am. Just come along, refreshments provided.

Boys Brigade and Girls Association (boys and girls) – 5 – 11 yrs.

Monday 6.15 – 7.30 pm.

Contact Vivienne Legg 1stenfieldbb@gmail.com

5th Enfield Rainbows - Girls 4-7y rs -

Thursday 5.30pm - 6.30pm :

Contact Sumita Biswas 5thenfieldrainbows@gmail.com

5th Enfield Brownies - Girls 7-10 yrs -

Thursday 6.15pm - 7.45pm

Contact Mary Dawson 5enfieldbrownies@googlemail.com

5th Enfield Guides - Girls 10-14 yrs

Thursday 7pm—8.30pm

Contact Allison Duggal guides5thenfield@hotmail.co.uk

5th Enfield Rangers - Girls 14-18 yrs

Thursday 7pm—8.30pm

Contact Nansi Ellis guides5thenfield@hotmail.co.uk

YPCF – 5 -11 yrs **Sunday 11.15 – 12.15 (in the church).**

Contact Chris Marlow ypcf@lrurc.org.uk

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