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From the Editor



I am wondering when you will be able to open your copy of this magazine. The plan, as always for the January issue, is to have it available at church by Christmas Day. But I notice that the service that day will (have been) somewhere else – at Temple Methodist Church – and the post will have done few favours to those who receive their copy that way.

Whichever day in the season of Christmas this arrives, I wish readers a Happy New Year. This is a sincere, rather than habitual, felicitation. After a third year in which Covid-19 has had a significant impact, we all need some recovery time physically or psychologically.

So what are your Hope and Fears – the theme of this issue? Sue Ingham is looking for opportunities (page 4) while Clare Callanan finds hers difficult to put into words (page 16) but has ideas on involving God in them.

In different ways members of the wider Church express their own hopes and fears regarding the climate emergency (page 19) and the spirit of the Church (page 10).

For the consumerist industry Christmas is now over (though some Churches celebrate it on 6th January) and Epiphany counts for little (though not here – see the cover). The next merchandising opportunity is Valentines Day when red hearts will abound. So I suggest that the theme for the February issue should be Love but... I am hoping you can brighten our lives and heal our cynicism by telling us about the true nature of love: the who, what, how, and why. If you are short of inspiration, the Bible mentions it a bit.

Finally, I must tell you of a forthcoming vacancy. Viv and I have decided that retirement should not entail six-hour travels to see our grandson and his parents, so we are proposing to move east. We have yet to find a new home so the timetable is uncertain. But the church will be looking for a new editor for this magazine. Could this be you? If so, please speak to one of the Elders. I am aware of having imposed my own style on the magazine, and it is probably time for a change anyway. A new editor would not need to do things my way; the value of this publication is much more than the influence of one person.

Peter Henderson

Cover image: Adoration of the Magi, a South Netherlandish tapestry at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Forthcoming Church Services

Sundays at 10:30am at the United Reformed Church, Paul Street

- 1 January Morning worship led by the Revd Ruth Dillion (includes The Lord's Supper)
- 8 January Morning worship led by the Revd Phillip Jones
- 15 January Morning worship led by Miss Sue Ingham followed by **Church Meeting**
- 22 January United Service at Temple Methodist Church
- 29 January Morning worship led by the Revd Clare Callanan (includes The Lord's Supper)
- 5 February Morning worship led by the Revd Phillip Jones with Peter Henderson preaching (includes The Lord's Supper)

Weekly Activities

at the time of publication these are:

- Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30 **Work-Wise** in the church hall: offering support with all aspects of job seeking
- Wednesdays 1pm - 4pm Warm Space in the church hall

Other Notable Dates

- Sunday 1 January *New Year's Day*
- Monday 2 January *Bank Holiday*
- Thursday 6 January Elders meeting
- Monday 16 January Magazine deadline
- Saturday 21 January *Red Squirrel Appreciation Day*
- Friday 27 January *RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch begins*
- Looking ahead
- Tuesday 21 February Fair Trade Fortnight begins

Pastoral letter



Dear Friends

A Happy New Year to Everyone

January, the start of another year, named after the Roman god Janus who is depicted with two heads, one looking back at the achievements of the past year and the other looking forwards to what is hoped to be achieved. Julius Caesar added the 31st day. Like Janus, we too can look back to see what

we have achieved and what we have not.

The theme for this month's magazine is 'Hopes and Fears'. Amongst the Hopes I would like to add opportunities: for the opportunities that come our way, whether we accept them, ignore or forget about them, and those we reject, and maybe later come to regret the missed opportunities.

The past year has been busy for the URC, especially with the 50th anniversary celebrations throughout our churches where old and new friends were welcomed to the many events including our own.

What are our opportunities as a church family for the coming year? What are we preparing ourselves to take on? As a congregation suggestions may be put forward but, in footballing terms (the World Cup has yet to play the semi-finals as I write this), to be hopefully successful we have to work as a team, each offering our own talents that the Lord has given us. We rejoice when things go well and give encouragement to each other when they don't.

Sadly today, I hear too often the negativity. 'I can't do that'. My New Year Hope is that we approach life from a positive perspective. Our Lord knows what we can't do so won't ask us, but he will ask us to do what we are able, with his help.

Are there opportunities for us to take forward what we have learnt and achieved through our Warm Spaces sessions?

In the carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, we find the words, "The hopes and fear of all the years are met in thee tonight". Those hopes and fears are still there in Bethlehem and throughout most of the world. Man's inhumanity to man is still present today. We don't seem to have learnt anything over the millennia. What opportunities do we have to help our suffering sisters and brothers wherever they are?

We each have our own hopes and fears, but it is how we deal with them that affects our lives.

While writing this, two songs came to mind, they are 'Always look on the bright side' and 'When will we ever learn?'

Whatever your hopes and fears, look for the opportunities to work with them rather than against them.

Wishing you every blessings throughout 2023.

Sue

PASTORAL TEAM

Our aim is to foster care and concern for each other in the congregation.

However, If you have a emergency and need help or concern, do not hesitate to contact a member of the Pastoral Team.

Mrs Isobel Tosh Robb, Mrs Meg Cardy, Dr Eryl Harris,
Mrs Sheena Helliard, Miss Sue Ingham, and Revd. Janet Sowerbutts.

Praying through the week

These prayers are slightly a abridged version of 'A Wee Worship Book' Morning liturgy C, published by the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community, and reproduced under CCLI licence for use in worship.



You may prefer it as one prayer rather than 7 parts.

Let us renew our faith daily for a New Year.

- Sunday** Holy and Gracious God, we live in a world of wonder, conceived by your divine imagination. The universe is your creation born out of love and generosity.
- Monday** Through centuries of thought and searching, through law and wisdom, insight and experience, your will and purpose were gradually glimpsed until in Jesus, all that was hidden was revealed, and you let earth be touched by heaven.
- Tuesday** In all the beauty of the earth, in the silence of our hearts, in the community of your church, in all works of grace and kindness, in forgiving from the heart and in worship from the soul, your Spirit confirms the truth by which we live.
- Wednesday** If, knowing this, we have failed to love you, our Maker; been hesitant to follow your Son, and suspected the power of your spirit, Lord have mercy.
- Thursday** If we have desired comfort more than devotion, if we have satisfied our wants more than we have served your will, if we have worshipped a lesser god, and gone for an easier gospel, Christ have mercy.

- Friday** If in the face of your openness, we have privatised our wealth, limited our company to those like us, restricted our conversation to matters of no consequence, and in all this comprehended our integrity and lost faith in our faith, Lord have mercy.
- Saturday** Forgive us, so that we may have no defence against your will; and then make us friends of your purpose and worthy companions of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Revised Common Lectionary for forthcoming Sundays		
1 January	8 January	15 January
Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
22 January	29 January	5 February
Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Remembering Ron Williams

Ron knew that he was seriously ill but, even so, he died quite suddenly in hospital on 6th October 2022. A private family funeral was held on 11th November. Rita shared some details of this with the editor and talked about Ron.

Ron was born in Liverpool but, because his father was in the army, he was brought up in Germany where he attended more than 20 schools. After this he worked for the MEA Group as a drainage salesman.

Ron was clearly an extrovert with a love for music. In his twenties he sang in a blues band and, while working full-time, Ron ran a music agency, representing artists, which he subsequently sold. Later, he sang in Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir and was sometimes front of house at CICCIC.



He met his first wife at Chard Christian Fellowship, and Ron became a family man - his three boys meant the world to him; and it was where he also met Rita.

Ron worked like a trojan: their garden was kept immaculate; Ron volunteered at Open Door and St Margaret's Hospice, and ran a walking group for U3A. He was also incredibly organised: items in his CD collection were all numbered and catalogued.

Ron was incredibly kind and generous to a fault, often to people he did not know. After a visit to India he supported a family there for some time afterwards. He would give homeless people significant sums of money, despite warning that they might spend it on drugs. He cooked chicken for a Big Issue seller he encountered in Taunton.

When he knew he was seriously ill, all Ron worried about was making life easier for Rita. He changed the car and ensured that his funeral was planned and paid for, and noting passwords.

According to Ron's wishes, the first half of a poem by Christina Rossetti was read at the funeral; this is opposite.

Please continue to pray for Rita for whom this is yet another loss.

Let Me Go (part of) by Christina Rossetti

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

Birthday Corner

Humble apologies and belated birthday wishes go to those who became a year older in December but did not feature in the magazine at the time:

December

- 6 Jean Grigg
- 13 Pamela Bamber
- 15 Eryl Harris
- 17 Lorna Head
- 29 Morag Lingard



January

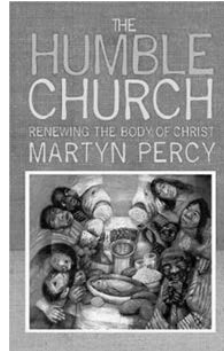
- 7 Heather Parsons
- 17 John Cohen
- 18 Sue Ingham

And best wishes to people who were astonished to find their birthday brought forward a month, though it is really in January. The editor refutes the charge of accelerating their ageing and apologises to them also; he took the practice of thinking one month ahead too far.

The Humble Church

This is not a book review, because I have not read the item, but it gets a place in the magazine because the publisher’s blurb indicates that the author has his own hopes and fears in relation to the Church.

The author is Martyn Percy, who was for 32 years an Anglican minister before resigning last April. His reason for leaving concerns the Church of England but this book, written while he has still been Dean at Christ Church Oxford, has relevance to all churches.



The book is described as follows:

In this bold and provocative invitation, Martyn Percy imagines what the post-pandemic Church might look like and sets out what it needs to learn.

It argues that the Church needs to stop obsessing about itself - its size, its strategies to shore up decline, its waning public influence - and rediscover how to live as the body of Christ. In other words, what does it need to do in order to become more like Christ?

As Christ poured out his life for the sake of others, he considers ways in which the Church might imitate Christ in practice today. Whenever Jesus visited anywhere beyond the confines of the Jewish community he immediately became socially useful, and so this extols such virtues as humble service in the community, not because it is an effective way to grow the Church, but because it is faithful to Christ's own example.

Peter Henderson

Note for Warm Space volunteers

Warm Space volunteers, will you kindly put the A-board advertising Warm Space, left in the hall, at the bottom of the path leading to the hall entrance.

Around Salisbury Cathedral

Suggestions of hope. *Photographs by Clare Callanan*



Aspiration: reaching up to God



Above: Light shines through the cold
Below: An invitation to enter



Is abundant growth always lovely?



The church at Christmas...



Photographs on his page and Christmas tree by Meg Cardy



... and a little earlier

Right: Mary Hart told us about the Taunton Foodbank back in November



Below: Spiders find home on the rear gates



Below: the church Christmas lunch at the Winchester Arms, Trull and some of those eating it



In the bleak midwinter



Photos by the editor



Above: Tops of a gate-post and a gate

Left: Even brambles look good with ice crystals



New date for URC 50th anniversary service

A note from Andy Jackson, URC Head of Communications

Following on from the postponement of the original event due to rail strikes, we have been working hard to find a new date to celebrate the URC's 50th.

You will no doubt appreciate that finding a revised date which works for those leading the service and the availability of Methodist Central Hall has not been an easy task. Our initial hopes for May 6th were scuppered when the new King chose that date for his Coronation!

We're delighted to announce that the new date is **Saturday 15 April 2023**. In an ideal world, we would have opted for a longer gap after Easter, but we hope that as many members and friends of the URC will be able to join us for our delayed anniversary celebrations.

The Open Church House event at 86 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9RT, will also take place on April 15 from 10am-12 noon.

Tickets

If you have a ticket and are able to come to the event on April 15, please do nothing - your ticket is still valid. Please bring it/them on the day. If you would like more tickets, please visit <https://bit.ly/urc50> and amend your order.

If you are no longer able to attend, please visit <https://bit.ly/urc50> and select Cancel Order. This will free up your tickets for others. Or email 50@urc.org.uk and we can cancel the order for you.

Anniversary Choir

If you would like to sing in the Anniversary Choir, you can find out more details and the dates of the rehearsals by visiting <https://bit.ly/urc50-choir>

Stewards and enquiries

If you are able to volunteer as a Steward at the service, please email 50@urc.org.uk which is also the email address for any enquiries relating to the new date.

Hopes and fears

Carols contain some of the deepest theology of hymnody, I believe. The carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' is no exception. In 1868, Episcopalian Pastor Phillip Brooks needed a song for the children to sing at a Christmas service at his church. Inspired by a Christmas Eve service Brooks had attended in Bethlehem during a Holy Land trip three years prior, Brooks sat down and wrote the song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." A small town in its day yet there is a bold claim at the end of the first verse '...the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.'

I wonder what your hopes and fears are in these opening days of 2023? Would you be able to name them if asked? If someone asked me to list all my "hopes and fears," it would be a pretty personal and vulnerable list and I think I would struggle to articulate some of them. My hopes, both personal and global, can seem unanswered and unfulfilled. My fears can seem overwhelming at times, especially as someone who struggles with anxieties and self doubts.

So how is God meeting my and your hopes and fears? I trust that God shows up with God's truth at just the right moment. A Bible verse, a poem, a word from a friend, a sunrise, a phone call. During one very low period in my life it seemed that every morning, for about two months, the Bible verse I read was significant. I wrote them down on small pieces of card and tied them with a ribbon and I still have them.

How else is God meeting hopes and fears? Sometimes it is people who reach out and care, or who say an affirming word or two. People who become "safe" friends, with whom you can be honest and open. Other times it might be pockets of time opening up, to be on my own and rest.

Yet what of the original inspiration for those words in the carol. In many ways Bethlehem is becoming, once again, a little town. At the time of Jesus' birth, as it is today, it was an occupied city. Before the Six-Day War, in 1967, Bethlehem's borders covered a total area of 658 square kilometres. Since that time, Bethlehem has been shrinking. Israeli settlements keep expanding. I have stood and wept at the site of the shepherd's fields because I could no longer look out over the expanse of open countryside, as I had done some years previously. There are now 19 settlements in the area around "the little town of Bethlehem" and the total area of the city is now around 21 square kilometres.

The infamous wall, deemed to be necessary for security reasons, blocks off three sides of Bethlehem from surrounding villages, with plans to complete the circle. There are approximately 30 checkpoints around the perimeter. 46,000 Christians are living in the West Bank and half of them live in Bethlehem, a strangled city. Here there is an absence of freedom. There is no room to grow. There is no green space. Unemployment is at 24.6%. Some Christians see the only way forward is to emigrate.

So what are their hopes and fears this year I wonder, as all this has been impacted further by the recent pandemic? Meeting our hopes and fears is not meant to be a rescue. It is not an escape from the cares of this world. But I believe it is a promise. An invitation to trust, despite circumstances. But what a step that is.

The Christmas story continues today...it is not just for Christmas day. As you recall the words of hopes and fears being met in God, pray for the people of Bethlehem, the people of Palestine and the people of Israel. Pray for the homeless and marginalised. Pray for the 'other'. And pray for yourself, for your hopes and fears as you offer them, in trust, to a God who cares.

Clare Callanan

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The theme will be Love – see the editorial on page 2

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Rather like Judith Kerr's *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, grief involves entertaining an intrusive, disruptive guest that settles down for a lengthy stay.

Martyn Percy, author of The Humble Church

St James' Players
present

St James
Church
TAUNTON

Stable Manners

...not a Nativity play
written and directed by Chris Doyle

St James' Church,
St James' Street, Taunton, TA1 1JS
(the church next to the County Ground)

Friday 27th January @ 7pm
Saturday 28th January @ 5pm
Sunday 29th January @ 5pm

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Children (16 years and under) £3
online @ Ticketsource
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and Actions for Children's Trust (acts-uganda.org)

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"Confusion, laughs and songs abound in this sideways look at the events surrounding a blinding light and a new birth."

Church leaders lament lack of urgency

Church leaders from the United Reformed Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Methodist Church in Great Britain have joined together to provide the following statement on the conclusion of the COP27 Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, held from 6-20 November:

While we are extremely conscious of the cost-of-living crisis and the economic bearing it is having here in the UK, we cannot ignore the tremendous impact of climate change in other parts of the world and overlook our responsibility towards it.

We continue to look to leaders in the UK and across the world to address the climate emergency with a sense of urgency, fairness and justice.

We are grateful for the vital commitment in Sharm el-Sheikh to establish a "loss and damage" facility. All are impacted by climate change. We have recently seen unprecedented floods in Pakistan and Bangladesh and continued drought in East Africa.

Industrialised countries such as Germany and high-emitting states such as China have seen rivers drying up. But it is low income countries that are frequently the worst affected by climate related disasters. They simply do not have adequate resources to rebuild shattered infrastructure and livelihoods.

COP27 has seen recognition of the need for compensation for loss and damage rise much higher on the global agenda. We commend states and regions, including Scotland, that have committed early funding to support those who have seen their livelihoods or homes destroyed.

As the recent UN Environment Programme report has pointed out, limiting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees requires global emissions to be cut by 45% by 2030. Policies implemented so far suggest that we could be heading for a catastrophic 2.7 degrees of warming.

God's creation is precious and is vital for the flourishing of all life. We lament the lack of urgency and will to co-operate to address this crisis. COP27 shows that governments have yet to loosen the chains of past practice and vested interests.

World leaders cannot leave this conference believing that they have done enough and must appreciate that there is still much more to do. We pray for a renewed collaboration between people and governments, and that a deeper recognition of our shared humanity might soon lead to the compassionate and just climate action that our world so urgently needs.

Commitment for Life

Life-giving Faith | Defiant Hope | Generous Love

Helping United Reformed Churches work for a fairer world and for peace with justice, recognising that change and response starts with each one of us.

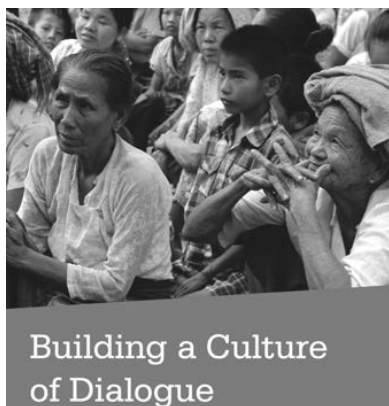
Envelopes for your donations and Information Leaflets are available in the Dora Cox Room. Please feel free to put in what you can, when you can, no amount is too small.

*Revd Dr Kevin Snyman - Commitment for Life Programme Officer,
Suzanne Pearson - Commitment for Life Administrative Assistant*

Moving Stories

News from our Partners around the World

News from Bangladesh



Building a Culture
of Dialogue

Myanmar is mired in violence, protracted conflict, and economic hardship. These are too often exacerbated by fear, hatred, and distrust. This is why there are so many refugees in Bangladesh.

In partnership with Christian Aid, Commitment for life is determined to make a difference. Our theology and shared experience in peace building work make us believe in the value and effectiveness of dialogue as a tool to build trust and strong relationships. We (Kevin, Lindsey, and Philip) met online recently with the Revd Ram Thanga, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Myanmar (PCM). His son is a leader in the struggle for democracy in the face of the military coup. Ram Thanga believes in dialogue but worries for his son. He knows that "God is able to fulfil our dreams if we have a desire to serve him with sincerity, humbleness and together constant prayer." Let's pray for the PCM.

A genuine attempt to engage in open and honest dialogue often provides opportunities to share feelings, understand different points of view, and to reflect on situations and facts using the worldview of our dialogue partners.

Our partner Christian Aid has developed - through a project called 'Sagar Wine' (culture of dialogue) in Rakhine State, Myanmar - a training manual for dialogue. In three creative and

interactive modules, with many visuals, participants can explore personal development, understand the dynamics of conflict, and practise dialogue facilitation skills. Could this be useful in your local, UK context? Give it a try. The manual 'Building a Culture of Dialogue' is available in English.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-07/myanmar-culture-of-dialogue-manual-guide-english-sep2019.pdf>

Zimbabwe

BRACT in Zimbabwe

Christian Aid has had a long and fruitful presence in Zimbabwe, in affiliation with various partners who deliver transformative programmes on the ground.

One such programme is BRACT. This initiative over five years has formed part of the Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZBRF). It was developed with the aim of helping communities prepare and adapt to a changing climate and economic shocks and stand up for the rights of ordinary people.

The programme's full title is: Building Resilience through improving the Absorptive and Adaptive Capacity for Transformation (BRACT) of at-risk communities in the Mutoko and Mudzi districts of Zimbabwe.

Through BRACT, Commitment for Life supports vulnerable households that are affected by recurring shocks, mostly related to climate change. BRACT has enabled us to build partnership in Zimbabwe, and we are grateful to those who administer the work on the ground.

As we begin the new year, Commitment for Life wants to thank each of you for the precious gift of your support. This enables us to deliver support programmes like BRACT that make an enormous difference in the lives of the people of Zimbabwe.



The Manyenga dam, in Mutoko District. Part of the BRAC programme, which is helping communities adapt to climate and socio-economic shocks in Zimbabwe. Photo: Christian Aid

Christmas as Resistance

Luke 1:46-55, 2:10-12

Julie Sim from the Council for World Mission reminds us that Mary’s Prayer is a revolutionary song - not just a spiritual hymn but a social and political revolution in rousing verse. ‘It is,’ she asserts, ‘a declaration of liberation and emancipation, a construction of a new social order for all people to live with hope.’

‘The language of the angel is political: this child is the anti-Caesar; this babe will radically oppose the designs of Empire. In this anti-empire reading of the story, we see how ‘the family’ experiences the political, social, and spiritual consequences of choosing to resist rather than succumb to empire.

‘Empires tend to follow one another through history. They all manifest themselves in domination, arrogance, self-congratulation, and wealth distribution to the top. If there are

differences currently from previous times, it is only that today empires are way more efficient in the devastation of cultures, species, and the planet itself in pursuit of profit.

‘This New Year, may we develop a renewed discernment of the subversiveness of Christmas. May we pledge allegiance not to the lure of power, violence, and economic exploitation, but to the Jesus of life-flourishing communities.’

Prayer

O God, we come to you this Christmas with grateful hearts. We praise you for the gift of Jesus. We are deeply thankful that Jesus changes our stories of hardship into testimonies of hope. We rejoice in all the great things you have done. Guide us, O God, so we can bear witness to your love, grace, and justice. Amen.

ROTAS FOR JANUARY

CHURCH FLOWERS

- 1 Jan Seasonal arrangements
- 8 Jan Eryl Harris
- 15 Jan -
- 22 Jan -
- 29 Jan Pam Elliott

MORNING COFFEE ROTA

- 1 Jan Pamela Bamber & Carol Rowswell
- 8 Jan Heather Parsons & Isobel Tosh-Robb
- 15 Jan Pamela & Alan Bamber
- 22 Jan Chris Trott & Sheila Rudofsky
- 29 Jan Pamela Bamber & Carol Rowswell

Sunday duties

	Duty Elder	Communion Elders	Zoom host
1 Jan	Sheena	Meg Frank	Eryl
8 Jan	Sue		Eryl
15 Jan	Eryl		Peter
22 Jan	<i>United service at Temple</i>		
29 Jan	Stuart		Frank

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Taunton United Reformed Church

Vision Statement

For the sake of the Gospel, we will be:

- ◆ a church that welcomes, whoever you are
- ◆ a church that cares and responds with action
- ◆ a church that works with others and plays its part in the community
- ◆ a church that knows and shares the love of God
- ◆ a church that is growing in faith and knowledge of God
- ◆ a church full of hope and joy