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# Taunton United Reformed Church



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## From the Editor



The *BBC Lent resources* webpage states:

“Hospitality towards strangers and those in need is a defining feature of the Christian life.

“However it is not straightforward. The theme runs through the bible and provides a clear call to love and welcome others. But from childhood we are

primed to fear strangers, our divided communities reinforce the cultural barriers and the global pandemic has forced us to keep our distance. We have spent much of the last two years closing our doors to others. This Lent we are encouraged to consider the quality and nature of the welcome we offer to neighbour, friend and stranger alike.”

Hence the theme for this issue: passion for hospitality.

You will find numerous articles relating to this subject, not least the regular magazine page detailing people who have volunteered to make the church a cheerful, welcoming place on Sundays.

I have received approving comments about the colour photographs often appearing in the centre pages. Alas, I have not been sent any for this issue, and to fill the space only with my own images would be a gross act of vanity. So there are no colour pictures this month.

We have been looking for a new editor of this magazine for a few months, with the encouragement that there is no need to follow the pattern or style that I have developed; it is probably time for a change. If it would help someone considering this, I have written detailed notes on the process I use to produce an issue. At the moment, with no succession plan in view, I think it is wise to say that the next issue - April and Easter - will be my last.

Although the period of Holy Week and Easter has motifs of faithful ending and new beginnings, I shall not specify a theme for the April magazine. I welcome all contributions, words and pictures.

*Peter Henderson*

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## Forthcoming Church Services

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

- 5 March Morning worship led by the Revd Ruth Dillon (includes The Lord's Supper)
- 12 March United service at URC led by Sheila Rudofsky with the Revd Mike Parsons preaching
- 19 March Morning worship led by the Revd Sabrina Gröschel
- 26 March Morning worship led by the Revd Clare Callanan
- 2 April Morning worship led by the Revd Clare Callanan (includes The Lord's Supper)

Further ahead

- Good Friday* Service led by the Revd Clare Callanan
- 9 April Easter service led by the Revd Phillip Jones

## Weekly Activities

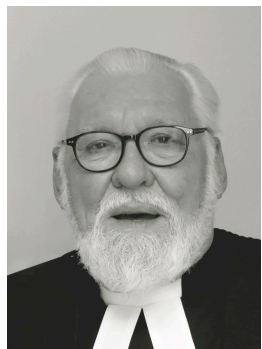
at the time of publication these are:

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

## Other Notable Dates

- Wednesday 1 March *St David's Day*
- Thursday 2 March Elders' meeting
- Friday 3 March World Day of Prayer - services at Temple Methodist Church at 10:30am and a shorter one 1:15 - 1:45pm
- Monday 13 March Magazine deadline
- Friday 17 March *St Patrick's Day*
- Sunday 19 March *Mothering Sunday (a mid point in Lent)*
- Sunday 26 March *British Summer Time begins*
- Sunday 9 April *Easter Day*
- Thursday 13 April Elders' meeting
- Sunday 16 April **Next Church Meeting**

## Pastoral letter



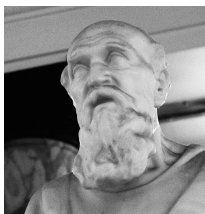
Dear Friends

Given the theme for this month, one must start this Pastoral Letter with a quote from Paul's letter to the Church at Rome where in chapter 12 and verse 13 we read: "contribute to the needs of God's people, and practice hospitality". But what does this actually mean?

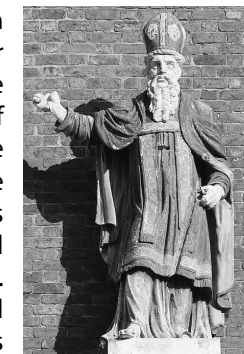
As I understand it what Paul is saying here could be translated into "pursuing", or "following after love to strangers"; which is proper hospitality: respect is to be shown not to such only who are members of the same community with us, but also to such of the people of God, that may be of another country, or of some distant parts of our own, not before known by us; who by persecution, and distress of some sort or another, or by some providence or another, are obliged to remove from their native place.

These we are to love, and show our love to, not only by directing and advising, but, if need be, by giving them food and raiment, and lodging them: this is a duty incumbent on Ministers of the Gospel, and on Church members, and on all who are in any capacity to perform it; and which should be done cheerfully, and without grudging; just as Abraham and Lot did, and who thereby entertained angels unawares.

The month of March sees the celebrations of two Saints Days, David of Wales on March 1st and on the 17th Patrick of Ireland. These were two men who, in very real terms practised and had a passion for hospitality. In the case of David we are told that he, and his monks, who only ate one meal a day still fed the many poor and hungry who came to their door each and every day, fed them with what they had grown and cultivated. David was remembered as one who always "had an angel for a companion and guide". David, a man with a passion for hospitality.



Patrick of Ireland, though totally different from David, was still a man with a passion for hospitality, though this was practised, so we are told, in a different way. Patrick's interpretation of what hospitality meant to him was in the way he encouraged others to think about and practise their faith. One of the best known of Patrick's writings is that which is included in ours and many other hymn books under the title: St. Patrick's Breastplate. Here we see and read Patrick's faith in Christ and how he, though his deep faith, was able to recognise "Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger". Patrick welcomed all to share his meagre resources, he welcomed without reserve and, like David, none were ever turned away. For they took the words of Paul to heart and, through their lives, practised hospitality.



But let me end this pastoral letter by paying tribute to our Moderator and Church Member, Ruth Whitehead, Ruth has been "Called" to the Landsker Group Pastorate. This means that she and Susan will be leaving Bishop's Hull for their new manse in Pembrokeshire, an area much loved by them both. Since Ruth was appointed Moderator of the South Western Synod she has been a member of our church. We send our love, prayers and best wishes to them both as Ruth begins this new and exciting venture in her ministry.

Like all the Synods when the Moderator either moves to a new calling or retires, there is a vacancy, so for a few months the Old Manse in Bishop's Hull will lie empty until a new Moderator has been appointed. We look forward in expectation.

Phillip

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## Praying through the week

Prayers on the theme of hospitality

- Sunday** God our Creator,  
in You we live and move and have our being.  
We look to your care and concern for all that sustains us.  
Without you, we are nothing,  
which is reason enough to praise you.  
Send Your spirit of hospitality  
to touch our hearts with gratitude.
- Monday & Thursday** Gracious God,  
you have invited all to your table, and to your arms.  
As we remember that no one is better than anyone else  
in your Kingdom,  
Help us to then treat each other the way you treat  
people.
- Tuesday & Friday** We take time to pray for our friends, family members  
and others who need you more than ever.  
Pour out your healing on all who need it.  
Be generous with your transforming love  
for those who need it in their lives.  
Bring reconciliation in families, and in places,  
where it is needed.
- Wednesday & Saturday** Where there is cruelty, may I model your kindness.  
Where there is despair, may I model your hope.  
Where there is anxiety, may I model your comfort.  
Where there is loneliness, may I model your presence.  
And where there is strife, may I model your peace.  
Amen.

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## Revised Common Lectionary for forthcoming Sundays

5 March	12 March	19 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>
Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
26 March	2 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 April <i>Easter Day</i>
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 21:1-11	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10

### 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 Helliar, Miss Sue Ingham, and Revd. Janet Sowerbutts.

# Church Family News

## Mary Best

With great sadness we note that Mary Best died peacefully in her sleep at her residential care home in Yeovil on Wednesday 8th February. Mary had been a church member for many, many years, an elder at Bishop's Hull before it was incorporated into the Taunton church, and a Sunday School teacher there. The funeral will be on Tuesday 7th March at 2pm at Taunton Deane Crematorium. Donations to Youth for Christ are invited in lieu of flowers.

## Deidre Norval

Equally sad is the news that Deirde Norval, a member of our congregation from Quantock House and known to us as Dee, died suddenly on Monday 6th February. Please pray for her family and her friends at Quantock House.

## Lent Course

Sessions will be held at Taunton URC and led by someone from the Three Churches partnership (St John's, Temple Methodist, and URC). They will take place at 7pm on Thursdays 2nd, 16th and 30th March.

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# Birthday Corner

Warm greetings to those in our fellowship who have a birthday in March. May God bless you all ...

- 8 Sheena Helliari
- 17 Rita Williams
- 27 Stuart Trott



## Mary Best remembered by Sue Ingham

I only began to get to know Mary once I stopped working on a Sunday. She and I clicked from the start. I started running Mary home after morning service. We used to sit in the car outside her house and talk about anything and everything but rarely about our faith or religion. Once I retired I would visit each Friday afternoon, and it soon became an all afternoon visit. Our conversations covered a lot of subjects, but Mary always brought me up-to-date with what some members of her large family were doing.

Occasionally she talked about her childhood and how difficult it was: she was the seventh of eight children and things were even harder after her dad died when she was three. She was very close to her brother Frank and sister Jenny. She grew up in Highbridge. She said she deliberately did not try to pass her 11+ exam as she had seen the worry her mother went through trying to work out how to find the bus fare so that Frank could take up a scholarship at Taunton School, which he was not able to do. When she came to leave school she was expected to go into the factory but, because she was not tall, she was told she could not go there, so was sent to a laundry where they did the laundry of the American Army Hospital (now Musgrove Park).

Mary contracted tuberculosis and was sent to a sanatorium in the Quantock Hills (this was worrying as Jenny had died of TB). More recently Mary took some of the family to see if the buildings were still there, but found that it had been demolished. She said she had happy memories there. There was complete segregation of male and female patients, males were on the ground floor and females on the first. But this did not stop them trying to communicate with each other. The ladies used to send messages and small gifts to the men below by putting them in their stockings and lowering them out of the window. This went well until they were caught, when all hell broke loose.

Mary did a lot of work with children, especially in the churches she attended, where she taught in the Sunday Schools. It was through Mrs Ann Gerhold that she came to be a foster mum to mainly new born underweight infants which she looked after for the first six weeks of their lives to bring their weight up. Of all the babies she fostered only one did not reach the necessary required weight in the designated time so she became part of the family.

Mary had a strong faith which saw her through difficult times. She strongly believed that when she died she would meet Jesus. May it be so.

## Passion for Hospitality

During one particularly hard time in my life I would go to my front door and find a cake, some flowers, a casserole on the step. As a stranger in Zambia, people opened up their houses and gave me friendship and their bed on the floor. When my daughter visited Palestine some years after I did, she was offered the food and space unconditionally...by offering it to her, these generous people were honouring her, honouring me, honouring her family and community. I have wandered into a Sikh gurdwara temple and been fed with the most delicious curry. During a time of loss, a friend quietly sat alongside me until all the tears had been cried.

I believe these are all instances of hospitality - when someone has opened up their life to include you and make your life better. Too often we think of hospitality in terms of entertaining friends or visitors and making sure they have a good time while they are with us. But hospitality encompasses so much more. Hospitality is an attitude of heart that opens us to others and receives them on their own terms.

In his book *Reaching Out*, the theologian Henri Nouwen speaks of hospitality as a move from hostility to friendship:

“Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place...”

This then must mean providing space where new life can be found and everyone’s gifts can flourish. To do so, we have to be at home ourselves and be willing to lay down our fears of change. We have to be willing to be vulnerable and open to new ways of doing things. I think in this increasingly hostile and conflicting world, we are being challenged to adapt and work with the spiritual practice of hospitality which involves being willing to take risks to welcome individuals as well as the broader goal of staying open to the insights of cultures other than our own.

Hospitality means *openness* to what guests and strangers bring to us. We receive a revelation from the guest which can change us and enrich our lives and open us to new possibilities and ways of thinking and living. Hospitality implies attentiveness to the other and to the needs of others, even anticipating their needs. We need to we pay attention; we have to get out of ourselves and become interested in the other.

On this spiritual journey, the first step is learning about and being respectful of the insights of others. Just step outside into Taunton and you will encounter any number of different faiths; never mind a variety of Christian denominations. What do you know about them? How open are you to other faith perspectives?

I believe that it is only being more open to people of other practices and other views that we can begin to be less judgemental and begin to practise true hospitality.

As I become increasingly aware of the dis-connections between people and their views, I see hospitality as the sturdy thread that binds us gently to each other. The value and usefulness of hospitality is becoming more apparent than ever. Widening social and economic gaps foster hunger, homelessness, violence, and fear. And I think it may be in that fear that we find it hard to offer and receive hospitality.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

*Hebrews 13:2*

*Clare Callanan*

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## What hospitality to offer?

In the wake of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, what hospitality do we offer the Turkish woman, the Syrian man, the Kurdish refugee, the aid worker, the nurse, the grieving family?

Prayer? Giving of money to Christian Aid, the Red Cross and the Red Crescent (adopted in 1908 for countries of Muslim origin)? Increasing our awareness of these two countries and how we can be open to them and any differing viewpoints?

How can we be as Christ in these situations? For that is what we are called to do and be.

*Clare Callanan*

## **TRAIDCRAFT - the story ends**

In January Traidcraft PLC announced that it was going into administration. Set up as a faith organisation in 1979 by Richard Adams, its first catalogue was hand-drawn featuring a small selection of jute products from Bangladesh. By 2004 it had two large warehouses and a staff of 140. It helped to establish the Fairtrade Foundation which aims to empower disadvantaged producers in developing countries through the Fairtrade Mark.

This is an edited version of the statement issued by the directors.

The business has been in a weak financial position for some years and the Covid-19 pandemic presented a significant new set of challenges. Just as we were emerging from the pandemic, like many other retailers, we faced the combined effects of the war in Ukraine, rising energy prices, and increased transport costs.

Sadly, despite the heroic efforts of our team at Gateshead, low consumer confidence during the critical autumn trading period led to sales significantly short of what was required to sustain the operation. December sales were also negatively impacted by the uncertainty created by Royal Mail strikes.

It is heartbreaking to bring the Traidcraft plc story to an end in this manner but we can at least take some consolation from the knowledge that we have been a major force for good in the ethical retail sector for over forty years. We have championed the cause of trade justice to the point where we now have better standards and procedures in place to protect the rights and dignity of growers and producers all over the world.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who have journeyed with us as employees, board members, shareholders and suppliers. We would particularly like to thank our loyal band of "Fairtraders", many of whom have been with us since the very beginning.

The mission to combat trade injustice and poverty is far from complete. It is important to recognise that Transform Trade (previously Traidcraft Exchange, the charity arm of Traidcraft) will continue its vital work supporting producers and fighting for trade justice and people centred trade.

Our hope and prayer is that others will also emerge to pick up the torch that we have carried for four decades.

## ...but the movement continues

In response to this news, Charlotte Timson, CEO of Transform Trade, has written (again edited):

**Transform  
Trade** 

Today marks a huge loss. After an exceptionally difficult few years, one of the founders of the trade justice movement is closing its doors.

Since 1979 Traidcraft has reimagined the relationship between producers and consumers, putting justice at the heart of trade. It's no exaggeration to say that the fair trade movement as we know it would not exist without Traidcraft.

The good work that Traidcraft has done over the years will not disappear. Instead it must be built upon.

Our mission is to transform trade so that everybody benefits. As we continue this work, our focus right now is on two things.

### 1. Supporting producers

Over the years, Traidcraft did incredible work with smaller producer groups - helping them find a route to market where no one else could. We're working on plans to expand our work supporting small groups of artisans and farmers, like those Traidcraft was originally set up to help, in order to fill the gap they leave behind.

### 2. The system

Trading ethically within a system that is unjust is always going to be difficult - especially during a cost of living crisis. From the start, the odds were stacked against Traidcraft. Our campaigning and advocacy work aims to level the playing field by demanding change to the entire trading system. We've shown in the past that it can be done, but we must press on with renewed energy.

I firmly believe that there is hope for the trade justice movement.

The good work that Traidcraft pioneered cannot and will not be undone. We are committed to transforming trade - and I am so grateful that you stand with us.

To find out more, visit [www.transform-trade.org](http://www.transform-trade.org)

# News from Taunton churches

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 3rd March 2023 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared, this year, by the women of Taiwan.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world: through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as the Apostle Paul did in his letters.

Two services are to be held in Taunton on **Friday 3rd March 2023** -one at **10.30am** and another shortened version held at lunchtime from **1.15pm** to 1.45pm, both at **Temple Methodist Church**, Upper High Street, and everyone is welcome.

Avon & Somerset Faith Communities'

## Major Emergency Plan

A Multi-Faith Response to a Major Emergency or Disaster

A volunteer project in conjunction with the Avon & Somerset Constabulary

*If you were a victim in a major emergency ... Who would help you?*

When a major incident occurs, the statutory services respond swiftly. However, the victims of major emergencies often need the sort of pastoral support these services are not equipped to provide. Faith communities can play an important part --but only if we are ready to respond in an effective, coordinated and appropriate way. To this end a Faith

Communities' Major Emergency Plan was set up in the 1980s and now provides support for the entire Avon and Somerset Constabulary area.

Although we regularly recruit new volunteers, each year some of our team members retire or move away. Right now more volunteers are needed if we are to provide adequate cover on a rota basis, bearing in mind that in the event of a major emergency a proportion of our team may not be available for a variety of reasons.

We are holding Familiarisation Days for those who want to find out more on Thursday 2 March 2023: 10:00am -3:00pm at Avon & Somerset Constabulary Headquarters, Valley Road, Portishead and Thursday 23 March 2023: 10:00am -3:00pm at Flourish House, Wells

For a booking form contact

Allie White, Administrator for Mission and Evangelism, Diocese of Bath and Wells, at [Allie.White@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:Allie.White@bathwells.anglican.org) or phone her on 01749 588904.

## 'The Big Help Out'

As you may know, bank holiday **Monday 8th May** has been designated by the Palace as 'The Big Help Out', with members of the public encouraged to spend time volunteering for charities and good causes. I am organising 200 of our King's College pupils into small groups to spend two hours (from 2.30 to 4.30pm) out in the community helping with various tasks.

My thinking is to split them up across various parish churchyards in Taunton to help with cleaning, tidying, weeding or anything else that needs doing. They could also do other things like litter picking on the canals, parks and clearing public footpaths. We are already involved at two care homes, so that could also be expanded on that afternoon. All groups will be supervised.

If this is something that you think may be of use to your church or some other space please check out the link below,

Thanks

Father Mark Smith SCP

Chaplain

King's Schools Taunton



# Taunton Carers Support Group



**Do you look after the other half, family or friend who is ill, elderly, disabled or needs extra help?**

**Come along and chat with other people in an unpaid caring situation to share laughs, ideas and support.**

**Regular professional speakers and signposting.**

*"They all understand what we are going through" - Ann*

First Tuesday of every month

10:30 - 12:30

**Wellsprings Church Cafe**

Quantock Rd, Taunton TA2 7NL  
car parking outside, one level accessibility

For details about the group contact  
Cath Holloway 07951 944420  
cath.holloway@sparksomerset.org.uk



For personal, 1:1 support as a Carer contact Somerset Carers!  
0800 31 68 600  
www.somersetcarers.org

Call Somerset Carers Service for support with finding someone to look after your cared for whilst you come to the meeting!

# Offering hospitality through



Taunton Open Door supports 25-30 homeless people per day and around 200-300 individuals a year!

You can donate food or items via our centre BUT please contact us (01823 271996 or email info@tauntonopendoor.org.uk) first. We have very limited storage and may have to decline some offers when we have adequate supplies. Unwanted items can cost us £5 per dustbin bag to dispose of!

Suggested donations (correct at time of printing) please read above.

YES please, we need

### FOOD

**Tinned Food:** Baked Beans, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Peas, Beef, Ham, Custard

**Basics:** Cereals, Salt/pepper, Gravy Granules, Flour, Margarine/Spread, Cooking Oil

**Drinks:** Fruit Juice, Squash, Coffee, Long life Milk, Hot Chocolate Sugar

**Sweet Things:** Biscuits, Cakes, Sweets, Sauces, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Brown Sauce

**Snacks:** Cuppa Soups, Crisps, Cereal Bars, Pot Noodles

### NON-FOOD ITEMS

Washing Powder, Wet Wipes, Deodorant

Clothing and footwear suitable for people aged 20-40 years (please check before taking to centre)

Office - A4 reams

SUFFICIENT at present, thanks

Pasta, Tuna. Tea, Tinned Soup, Porridge

NO, thank you

Tents, Electrical Items, Older age clothing (as most clients aged 20-40), Duvets

## Small kindnesses

As inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven, we can act with an hospitable spirit in numerous small ways. This poem by Danusha Laméris, writing from an American perspective, gives pointers how.

### Small Kindnesses

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk  
 down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs  
 to let you by. Or how strangers still say "bless you"  
 when someone sneezes, a leftover  
 from the Bubonic plague. "Don't die," we are saying.  
 And sometimes, when you spill lemons  
 from your grocery bag, someone else will help you  
 pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.  
 We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot,  
 and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile  
 at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress  
 to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder,  
 and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.  
 We have so little of each other, now. So far  
 from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange.  
 What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these  
 fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here,  
 have my seat," "Go ahead—you first," "I like your hat."

### MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Contributions for the April 2023 magazine should be with the Editor  
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 by MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 (or earlier) please.

## ROTAS FOR MARCH

### CHURCH FLOWERS

5 Mar Eryl Harris  
 12 Mar Pam Elliott  
 19 Mar *Mothering Sunday*  
 26 Mar

### MORNING COFFEE ROTA

5 Mar Chris Trott & Sheila Rudofsky  
 12 Mar Heather Parsons & Isobel Tosh-Robb  
 19 Mar Pamela & Alan Bamber  
 26 Mar Pamela Bamber & Carol Rowswell

### Sunday duties

	Duty Elder	Communion Elders	Zoom host
5 Mar	Frank	Sheena Stuart	Peter
12 Mar	Stuart		Eryl
19 Mar	Meg		Sue
26 Mar	Eryl		Frank
2 Apr	Sheena	Meg Sue	Frank

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**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