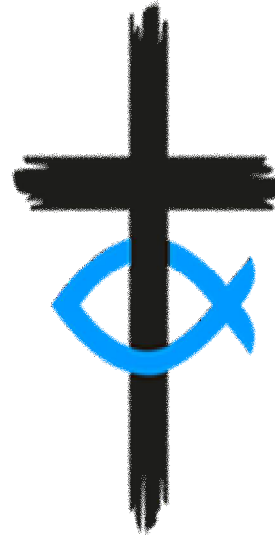


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Partnership Ministers: Rev Kurauone Mutimwii
Rev Stephanie Atkins

MARCH 2025

Friends,

2025 is the ecumenical year of **pilgrimage**. It is also a time when the URC are reflecting together at what it means to be “A paradoxical church at the crossroads.”

I have been reflecting on journeys.

One of my favourite films in *The Wizard of Oz*. As you may know, this involves journey along the Yellow Brick Road, as four companions who meet on the way seek something they need. But it is not at the end of the journey that they find the thing they need, but on the journey itself. The scarecrow uses his intellect, the tin man shows love, the cowardly lion discovers that you can have courage even when you feel scared, and Dorothy has her magic shoes all the time.

By the time you read this, we may have already begun our Lent courses exploring growth. Lent is a journey and a time for personal growth. This year we are also reflecting on how we can grow collectively, as we journey together as churches and a missional partnership. This is a wonderful opportunity to journey and grow together. Do come along. (See the attached information).

Some of you attended our enrichment day about being a church at the crossroads, where we explored together where our church journey may be going. Conversations at the crossroads will be continuing across the URC, both locally and nationally. Do contact the ministry team if you would like to explore this subject further at your church.

Whilst journeys can sometimes be difficult and challenging, as the folks in the *Wizard of Oz* discovered, they are also times of growth and self-discovery.

I pray that, for all of us, this Lent will be a time of growth. And as we journey through Lent, and through life, and as a church moving on from a crossroads, remember to look around and beside us, for Christ walks with us on that journey.

God of the journey,

May we feel you in the earth beneath our feet,

May we hear you through those who walk beside us,

May we see you in the wonder that surrounds us.

May our journeying together with you lead us to growth,

Through all our life journeys, through Lent this year and for evermore. Amen

**Liz Delafield, : Mission and Discipleship Mentor,
for the GMS Missional Partnership ministry team**

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Sadly, this month we have to announce the deaths of 3 people who have played major parts in the current and passed life of Cheadle Hulme.

With great sorrow we inform you of the passing of Mavis Davies on 18 FEB aged 91yrs. A six week stay in hospital over Christmas, due to infections, did nothing to help her mobility and although she was confined to bed latterly, her mind was as sharp as ever. As yet funeral details have to be arranged and will be circulated once known but let us please keep Paul, Becca, Jan and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

It is also with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Rita Hiscott on 31 JAN aged 85 yrs. Both she and husband Geoff played major roles in the life of our Church before their move to Prestbury where her funeral was held on 26 FEB at the Methodist Church. Geoff and all the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rev Roy Martin, BA, BD died on 1 FEB following a brief illness. Roy was the minister at Cheadle Hulme between 1956-61 and later went to India as a missionary. Later in this edition is a quote from 'A Short History' which was published in 1969, the Church centenary year. His funeral is being held in Milton Keynes on Tues 4 March (available on YouTube) and our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, Joy.

Our thanks go to Christopher Whitehead, Rev Steph Atkins, Rev Kurauone Mutimwii as well as Glyn & Alison from our 'in house' team for leading our worship in February.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning in any way - donations raised £120.

We wish Jenny Hodson all the best as rehearsals get underway for the Brookdale Theatre production of 'Sister Act' from 28 April to 3 May. There will be a discount on the first night and a matinee on the Saturday.

We send best wishes to all those who will be celebrating a special birthday or anniversary in March, especially Christine Brooks who will be 100 yrs on 1 MAR - very many congratulations.

The News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 11 May - Christian Aid week begins

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LENT LUNCHES 2025

>>>8 March - URC<<<
15 March - Grove La Baptist
22 March - St Ann's RC
29 March - All Saints Parish
5 April - Friends Meeting
12 April - Methodist

No charge, but donations to Christian Aid are welcome



PARTNERSHIP PRAYER

Each month we have a prayer for one of the Partnership churches, this month - Ashton-on-Mersey URC

Dear Lord, we pray for our church community at Ashton-on-Mersey URC. Help us to establish good working relationships within the church family and the Missional Partnership, to enable us to face the challenges and difficulties which may arise in our church life. Show us how to break down the barriers which prevent us from hearing and receiving your word. May your love and grace flow through us as we embrace the promise of spiritual growth for each and every one of us on our Christian journey. *Amen,*

Partnership Lent Bible Study

Details of these are on the calendar, last page. The Zoom sessions on Tuesdays are repeated on Wednesdays 'in person' at Heald Green.

SOUP, SWEET & MEET
WED 19 MARCH
Noon ~ 1.30pm

REV ROY MARTIN

The Rev H R Martin, B.A., B.D., came to us from Northern College in 1956, and his quiet enthusiasm for his work and his absolute sincerity won the support of the Church. In his first year, Family Church was started in place of the Sunday School, and this has been a success, but the accommodation available was inadequate. A great improvement was made in 1960, when a new corridor was built, with a new kitchen and toilet block, a new entrance to the Dorcas Room, alterations which turned the old "annexe" into the present Lesser Hall (now coffee lounge,Ed). Mr and Mrs Martin started the Young Wives Meeting, which is now the Women's Circle. Mr Martin's real interest in Missionary work met a good response in the Church and over the last few years our contribution to the Missionary funds has more than trebled. The response was most marked among the young people, and this was helped by the arrival of Mr and Mrs Cairns and their family, who worked very hard in Junior Church and the Youth Group.

Members, friends & neighbours

FILM MATINEE

Sat 22 MAR ~2.30pm

In 1961, Mr Martin resigned the pastorate as he had volunteered for service with the London Missionary Society. We were very impressed with the faith and courage of Mr and Mrs Martin, with young children, in undertaking this work, and we are proud to have their names on our Membership Roll. They are now serving the Church of South India at Coimbatore, and we were very happy to have them with us during their furlough last year. We look forward with pleasure to their next furlough.

Rev D S Parbury MA

SUDOKO

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH MYSELF & GOD

Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts,
That we before Thee, in love and in faith,
Righteousness and humility,
May follow Thee,
With self-denial, steadfastness and courage,
And meet Thee in the silence.

Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,
A heart of love that we may serve Thee,
A heart of faith that we may love Thee,

Thou whom I do not know
But whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend
But who hast dedicated me
To my fate.

Thou –

By Dag Hammarskjold
(1905 ~ 1961)

Secretary-General of the United Nations.
He gave the impression of being an agnostic humanist while he was serving, so it was a surprise when, after his death in a plane crash, his private papers contained some notes entitled "Negotiations with myself – and with God". His prayers have a naked honesty which is deeply moving. This one is from 1961, written the year of his untimely death.

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RITA MARGARET HISCOTT

Rita was born in Denton in 1939 and attended school in Gorton whilst teaching Sunday school in the local Methodist. She loved dancing and took part in local shows. She then attended Loreto College to learn shorthand typing and joined an Insurance Brokers. It was there that she met Geoff and they were married at Aspinall church in in 1960.

They set up home in Woodley where their two sons, Simon and Jeremy, were born in 1963 and 1965. In 1967 they moved to Bramhall and attended Swann Lane URC. Soon after, Rita was setting up a playgroup with other friends and joined a Scottish Country Dance group staying with the group for over 25 years, even after moving to Prestbury. In 1970, their daughter Angela was born and all 3 children attended Hursthead Junior School where Rita worked as a playground assistant and dinner lady later becoming school secretary. Rita was very fond of flower arranging, winning a number of prizes over the years at local shows.

There were holidays in the Isle of Wight, South of France, Italy and Switzerland along with cruises to the Mediterranean and Greek Islands. More recently European river cruises and tours in the USA, Canada, South Africa and the Caribbean. However, particular favourites In the UK were Sidmouth in Devon and the Lake District.

In 2008, Rita was diagnosed with ovarian cancer but following a number of operations she was declared cancer free in 2021, although a stroke the year before meant she could no longer drive. She bore her limitations without losing her sense of humour, enjoying a full life and holidays until she suffered a second, more severe, stroke in July 2024 leaving her with major disability. She passed away on 31 January 2025 in the Nursing Home, surrounded by her family. A much loved wife, mother and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Geoff Hiscott



Mouse Makes

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS
After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1



Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8



Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12

For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?

see *Luke 4:14-15*



READ
the story in
Luke 4:1-13

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SERVICES

Elders' wish to keep everyone safe, so please stay home if you are unwell. You may wear masks (perhaps for singing). Also, understand our plans may change with little notice. We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service. Video conferencing continues and Leaders or readers may Zoom in or speak in church.

Duties are performed by a small team on a rota. Please check the board for changes.

Date	2 MAR	9 MAR	16 MAR	23 MAR	30 MAR
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion	Joint Morning Worship
Time	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30 am
Leader	Liz Delafield	Sandy & Morag Smith	Margaret Dexter-Brown	Rev Kurauone Mutimwii	Rev Peter Sharp
Elder Duty	S. Smith	B Stevens	A Stevens	D Phillips / A Stevens	S Smith
Door	M Hardie	H Elsdon	G Elsdon	J Hodson	P Grieve
Reader					
Flowers	Silk	D Green	Silk	Silk	H Elsdon
Coffee	M Hardie	M Smith	B Stevens	H Elsdon	A Stevens
Notes		TRANSFORM TRADE		HOLY COMMUNION	MOTHERING SUNDAY

LECTIONARY for MARCH 2025

2 MAR:

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36,(37-43)

9 MAR:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13

16 MAR:

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

23 MAR:

Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

30 MAR:

Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11b-32



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Heathrow: No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

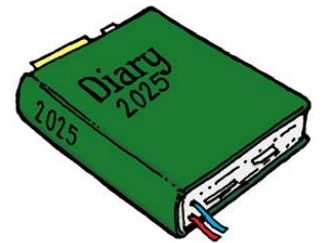
Japanese taxi: Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

Kenyan maternity ward: No children allowed.

Beijing shop: Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

CALENDAR



To the best of the Editor's knowledge, unless you know better...

MARCH

- Sat 01 10-11.30am COFFEE MORNING in aid of **Transform Trade** *St David's Day*
- Mon 03
- Tues 04 *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day*
- Wed 05 *Ash Wednesday* 7pm Elders' Meeting at Church
- Thu 06 7.30pm MP Steering Group - Gatley
- Fri 07 10am Management meeting 2pm **CTCH World Day of Prayer** - Grove La, Baptist
- Sat 08 12-2pm CTCH Lent Lunch - **URC**
- Mon 10
- Tues 11 1.30pm **Partnership Lent Bible Study** - Heald Green URC
- Wed 12 7pm Partnership Lent Bible Study on Zoom
- Thu 13
- Fri 14 2 pm Choir rehearsal
- Sat 15 12-2pm CTCH Lent Lunch - Grove Lane Baptist
- Mon 17 *St Patrick's Day*
- Tues 18 1.30pm **Partnership Lent Bible Study** - Heald Green UR
- Wed 19 **12 ~ 2pm Soup, Sweet & Meet** 7pm **Partnership Lent Bible Study~Zoom**
- Thu 20
- Fri 21 2 pm Choir rehearsal
- Sat 22 12-2pm CTCH Lent Lunch - St Ann's RC **2.30pm FILM MATINEE**
- Mon 24
- Tues 25 1.30pm **Partnership Lent Bible Study** - Heald Green UR
- Wed 26 7pm **Partnership Lent Bible Study ~Zoom**
- Thu 27
- Fri 28 2 pm Choir rehearsal
- Sat 29 12-2pm CTCH Lent Lunch - All Saints
- Sun 30 *Mothering Sunday*

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