

ABINGTON AVENUE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday 24 March 2024 -Welcome to today's service which is a joint service led by Revd Jane Wade.

Verse for the week: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [I Corinthians 1 v.18]

What's On: week beginning 25 March 2024

Monday 25 Mar	All Day	Office closed - Staff Training
Tuesday 26 Mar	9:00-9:30	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Wednesday 27 Mar	9:30 -11:30 9:30-11:30	Jolly Tots (Upper Hall) Badminton (Upper Hall)
Thursday 28 Mar	9:00 - 11:30 18:30 - 20:30	Prayer & Bible Study (Conference Room) Maundy Sharing Dinner (Sanctuary/Conference Room)
Friday 29 Mar	15:00 - 17:00	Messy Church Easter Extravaganza (Upper Hall & Sanctuary)
Saturday 30 Mar	10:00-13:30	Child Contact Centre
Sunday 31 Mar	10:30-12:00	Morning Worship

This table shows church activities during the week. There are also regular and one-off hires. If you wish to use or access church rooms, please check availability with the church office.

For further details of our events please see website aaurc.co.uk
or contact the Church Office: office.aaurc@gmail.com Phone: 01604 604623

The church Office hours are Monday - Friday 9.30-12.30

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If you would like the church to pray for a concern you have, please speak to the Minister or member of the leadership team.

Some suggestions for your prayers this week:

25/3	Consider through this week the journey of Jesus to the cross - and the necessity of its power in your life.
26/3	Pray for the congregation at AAURC - through this week may our focus be on the cross and the empty tomb - not bunnies and chocolate.
27/3	Pray for those who work overseas to alleviate drought and famine, particularly for the need in Gaza, Yemen, and Sudan.
28/3	Pray for those for whom Easter will be a time of loneliness, uncertainty, and regret - may God meet them where they are.
29/3	Good Friday - however we mark this day, may we be moved into a new understanding of Jesus' gift to us and all who will respond to his call.
30/3	Easter Eve - a day of darkness and uncertainty, a picture of feeling forsaken by God, but the eve of a new dawn as God reveals his purpose in Christ.
31/3	Easter Sunday - Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring us a new living reality of the resurrection in our lives and the power to serve God in the world.

Our services are live streamed.

Please be aware that today's service will be livestreamed on Facebook and the recording may stay there up to 3 months. Every effort is made not to film the congregation unless folk have agreed. If needed, please discuss further with Revd. Jane Wade.

Flowers:

We are appealing to members to sign up for donations of flowers and to help with the bunching and delivery after the services.

At present we only have three of the twelve months provision signed up for and no volunteers for help with bunching or deliveries. The flower committee is very

depleted, with only Linda on a regular basis with Sue and Liz to help on special occasions. Your help in this area would be very much appreciated.

Donations for Easter flowers can be given to me Linda.

This is the sixth Sunday of the season of Lent.

The last words of love: 'It is finished' John 19:30

'Father into your hands I commend my spirit' Luke 23:48

Questions to reflect on:

- **What do you feel about death and your own sense of mortality?**
- **What do you feel have been your accomplishments in life; what will you be remembered for?**
- **When are you most able to tune into the small voice of God's love?**

Upcoming events:

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Maundy Sharing Dinner - 6:30-8.30pm - Conference Room. An opportunity to reflect on the last supper Jesus shared with his friends as we share in a meal and communion together. Please sign up on the sheet in reception or contact the office if you would like to attend to enable us to cater sufficiently. (also please let us know of any allergies)

Friday 29th March 2024 - Messy Church Easter Extravaganza - Please book your place by contacting the office or Sue Croft.

Good Friday walk of witness

From St. Alban's - 10:15am - to Church in the Park 11:50am followed by a short service.

Please could we request volunteers for stewards for the walk of witness and also volunteers who are willing to read the passage and lead the prayer during the walk. This would be much appreciated.