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The newsletter of your local community church
Ardeen Road United Reformed Church Doncaster

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Sunday Worship

11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Or join us on zoom

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HOPE PLANET



The
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Reformed
Church
Yorkshire

An intergenerational day for eco-interested people to connect, enthuse and inspire each other.

With Roo Stewart (URC Head of Public Issues)
Workshops including Eco Church,
Eco Craftivism, Bible study and more

Sat 5th Sep, 2026

10am-3pm

**Headingley St Columba URC,
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**The day is FREE but please help our planning by
booking your places: office@urcyorkshire.org.uk**

From Our Minister

Dear church family,

When we use the words 'worship' and 'service', we tend to think of what happens in a church building on a Sunday. But that's not how the Bible uses those words. In the New Testament, several Greek words are translated as 'worship':



1. **Proskuneo** means to bow down or to prostrate oneself. A literal translation would be "to come towards to kiss." And it described the practice of expressing homage by falling down before a superior and kissing their feet, the hem of the robe, or the ground before them.

When the Magi travelled from the East so that they might "worship" the newborn King of the Jews, "proskuneo" was the word that was used (Matt. 2:2). After encountering the risen Jesus, the disciples "clasped his feet and *worshipped* him" (Matt. 28:9). When Jesus says that "true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23), "proskuneo" is the word used for worship. In the book of Revelation, the worship of heaven is "proskuneo" – the elders around the throne "fall down" before God on the throne and "worship Him" (Rev. 4:10).

So worship is about falling down before God, prostrating ourselves before Him, giving Him the honour that He is due. "Proskuneo" is not so much something we do in church, but a heart attitude that we render to God in our whole lives.

2. **Leitourgeo** is where we get our word 'liturgy' from and it speaks of duties performed before God. This word is used in the book of Hebrews to describe Jewish priests and angels "serving" or "worshipping" God (Heb. 1:6, 8:2).

But the New Testament doesn't use this word in an exclusively religious sense. The word is used by Paul to describe secular rulers fulfilling their God-given responsibility to govern (Rom. 13:6). Paul describes his whole evangelistic mission to the Gentiles as a "priestly duty" in Romans 15:16; and describes the Philippians' (2:17) faith as a "sacrifice and service" – using the word "leitourgeo."

It's only used on one occasion to speak of what happens in a church meeting (in Acts 13:2), so although we today use the word "liturgy" to refer quite specifically to words spoken in church, we're wrong to do so. Liturgy means "work or service for the people," and was used to describe the philanthropy of wealthy Greeks. When translated into our Christian context then, it's about all that we do for God in our whole lives. So serving others at the Foodbank or Street Pastors or on the Open the Book team, or giving money to Christian charities and mission organisations, or even doing your work well, or looking after your children or grandchildren, can be "leiturgeo" if you're doing it for God. It's whole-life worship.

3. Latreuo is used to speak of the adoration offered to God in heaven in Revelation (7:15, 22:3), and of the Temple worship of the Jews in Hebrews (8:5, 13:10). But, as with other worship words, it's not limited to the walls of a religious building. Jesus talked of the persecution of believers as "latreuo" (John 16:2). Paul speaks of his missionary work, and indeed his whole life of service to God, as "latreuo" (Acts 24:14,27:23; 2 Tim. 1:3). And when Paul famously writes in Romans 12 to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, he says that this is our "latreuo", our spiritual act of worship.

So we've got three words that are often translated as "worship" and none of them really refer to what we do in a church building. Nor do they specifically refer to singing. They are about our whole lives. If you are ever asked, "Where do you worship?" The correct answer – if you're being Biblical – is not "Ardeen Road URC, Doncaster". It's "everywhere." God does not just want an hour a week in the confines of our church buildings' walls. God wants our whole lives – 168 hours a week - offered to Him in loving service. That's true worship.

With love, and blessings,

Matt



SINGING GROUP

Everyone welcome to come along and join in learning new hymns and songs.
See Pat or Maureen for dates

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday 2 nd August	11.00am	Chris Ogley
Sunday 9 th August	11.00am	Sue Pickering
HOLY COMMUNION		
Sunday 16 th August	11.00am	Rev. Matt Stone
Sunday 23 rd August	11.00am	Songs of Praise service
Sunday 30 th August	11.00am	Val Morrison
Sunday 6 th September	11.00am	Rod Morrison
Sunday 13 th September	11.00am	Rev. Matt Stone
HOLY COMMUNION		
Sunday 20 th September	11.00am	Val Morrison
Sunday 27 th September	11.00am	Sue Pickering

Craft Club

Forthcoming dates for the Craft Club Meetings are as follows.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 14th October (9am – 12 noon)

Wednesday 11th November

The December meeting will be replaced by the Carolathon.

All meetings start at 2pm unless shown otherwise.

Sandalwood Day Centre Harvest Service

We've been invited to lead a Harvest Songs of Praise at the Sandalwood Day Centre on Thursday 17 September at 1pm. Please do join us if you can - we need a good-sized group to sing and chat to the people there.

The early bird may get the worm
.....but remember it's the second mouse that gets the cheese.

WHITBYS FISH & CHIP LUNCH



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**The next visit to Whitby's will be on
Monday 3rd August**

Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of
the church if you intend to be there.

Dorothy

A.V. ROTA

2nd August	Martin	6th September	Andy
9th August	Pat & Dena	13th September	Pat & Dena
16th August	Andy	20th September	Rod
23rd August	Rod	27th September	Adam
30th August	Adam		

Bible study

Our church Bible Study is an informal group that meets fortnightly to discuss the Bible passages we've looked at on Sunday mornings. We don't meet in August, but we meet on 15 and 29 September, 1.45-2.45pm. All are welcome!



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT
YOUR MUCH NEEDED
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOOD
BANK IN THE BASKET AT THE
REAR OF THE CHURCH**

I tried to find a joke about carpentry, but nothing wood work.

Churches Together in Intake & Wheatley Hills



NOTE THE DATE

Thursday 20 August,
10-11.30am,
Ardeen Road
United Reformed Church,
Doncaster

All families are welcome to
join us for free crafts, a Bible
story and celebration, and
refreshments.



What's the best thing about living in Switzerland.....
.....well, the flags a big plus.



I went into a pet shop and asked to buy a goldfish. The assistant asked if I wanted and aquarium..... I said I don't care what star sign it is.

Summer & Autumn Mini Retreats



WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST, 3.15-4.45PM

FOCUSSING ON PSALM 23

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 3.15-4.45PM

FOCUSSING ON HARVEST

ARDEEN ROAD URC, DONCASTER



There will be worship, prayer, Biblical reflection, and space to simply be with God. All are welcome.

I don't like those Russian dollsthey as so full of themselves!

Autumn Sermon Series

This Autumn, our sermon series will be looking at significant prayers in the Old Testament. If you'd like to read the passages before each service, they will be as follows:

- 6 Sept: Abraham - Genesis 18:22-33
- 13 Sept: Moses - Numbers 14:13-23
- 20 Sept: Hannah - 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- 27 Sept: David - 2 Samuel 7:18-29
- 4 Oct: Solomon - 1 Kings 3:5-15
- 11 Oct: Jonah - Jonah 2:2-9
- 18 Oct (Harvest): Jeremiah - Jeremiah 32:16-25
- 25 Oct: Hezekiah - 2 Kings 19:15-19
- 1 Nov: Ezra - Ezra 9:6-15
- 8 Nov (Remembrance): Nehemiah - Nehemiah 1:4-11
- 15 Nov: Daniel - Daniel 9:3-19
- 22 Nov: Job - Job 42:1-6

Little Library

Thank you to everyone who has bought a book from the Little Library charity book shelf. The amount raised this year is £113.19 which will be donated to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal, details are on the table at the back of the Church.

If anyone has a favourite genre or author that they would like to read please let me know and I will try and obtain it for you. Any books that have been on the shelf for a long time are removed and taken to the Tesco Charity Bookshelves. Tesco allows local charities to use the shelves for 3 months, the charity at the moment is St. John the Baptist Church, Wadworth who are trying to raise money to fix their roof.

Janet

August/September diary dates

Newsletter items for the October Issue to Martin by

Sunday 20th September please

Door Steward

Aug. 2 nd	Dena Hull	Sept. 6 th	Dorothy Keen
Aug. 9 th	Althea Burwell	Sept. 13 th	Margaret Dyson
Aug. 16 th	Jean Whitaker	Sept. 20 th	Gill Burton
Aug. 23 rd	David Witham	Sept. 27 th	Jean Whitaker
Aug. 30 th	Janet Chorlton		

Vestry Duty

Aug. 2 nd	Sue Pickering	Sept. 6 th	Tricia Larder
Aug. 9 th	Geoff Shaw	Sept. 13 th	Jim Harrison
Aug. 16 th	Sue Pickering	Sept. 20 th	Steve Arimtage
Aug. 23 rd	Val Morrison	Sept. 27 th	Geoff Shaw
Aug. 30 th	Sue Pickering		

Bible Readers

Aug. 2 nd	Jim Harrison	Sept. 6 th	Ailsa Johnson
Aug. 9 th	Alison Shaw	Sept. 13 th	Jean Brookes
Aug. 16 th	Geoff Shaw	Sept. 20 th	Linda Ross
Aug. 23 rd	Jean Brookes	Sept. 27 th	Alison Shaw
Aug. 30 th	Martin Johnson		

Flower list

Aug. 2 nd	+++++++	Sept. 6 th	Margaret Dyson
Aug. 9 th	Janet	Sept. 13 th	Jean Whitaker
Aug. 16 th	Jim Harrison	Sept. 20 th	Alison & Geoff Shaw
Aug. 23 rd	Janet Chorlton	Sept. 27 th	Martin & Ailsa
Aug. 30 th	Elwyn Edwards		

Refreshment Rota

Aug. 2 nd	Steve & Pat	Sept. 6 th	Dena & Steve
Aug. 9 th	Malcolm & Janet	Sept. 13 th	Steve & Linda
Aug. 16 th	Steve & Linda	Sept. 20 th	Malcolm & Janet
Aug. 23 rd	Janet & Dorothy	Sept. 27 th	Alison & Linda
Aug. 30 th	Dorothy & Dena		

The Bible Course

NEW EDITION

Want to understand how
Bible characters, stories
and themes are linked from
Genesis to Revelation?

Join *The Bible Course*
New Edition



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The **Bible Course** will be running at
Ardeen Road United Reformed Church

on **Wednesdays** 12 August *(note different time: 1-2.30pm)*,
2 and 23 September, 7 and 21 October,
4 and 18 November and 2 December, **1.30-3pm**

All are welcome!

If you'd like to join us, you'd be very welcome, but please let me know so I can order enough study guides.

Thanks, and blessings,

Matt