

We have received a Certificate of Recommendation from the ADUR UKRAINE SUPPORT ASSOCIATION in response to our giving to the appeal that was launched in recent months. It's on the table at the back of the church.

Also a message sent by their recipient charity in Ukraine. We donated specific items which were collected and dispatched by our good friend Amanda Cherry (nee Stewart) and sent directly to those in need in Ukraine.

The message reads: "Now, when Ukraine is standing against Russian aggression, we can't win and survive this without unity and support. Thank you for your help in these difficult times, for all of us, you give not just material values but hope that together we will overcome any difficulties. Thank you for your care and participation, your support and your sincere and sensitive heart. Good deeds, words of support and understanding that Ukraine is in your heart, like a lighthouse shining for everyone who fights for freedom and the future of our children in a free country!" *Hilary Redman*

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Last year around 75 people representing 12 churches from several denominations met together at St Richard's to pray and share together in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Meeting together in this way is already an expression of our desire for unity in the Body of Christ. There will be another such meeting this year at St. Richard's on Jan 19th. Please forward this invitation to anyone who you think might be interested.

Evening prayer will be in the style of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. It is a very simple and beautiful form of worship that is mostly singing and accessible to people from a wide range of church backgrounds.

- * 5.00pm Song Practice * 5.30pm Reflecting and sharing together
- * 6.15pm Evening Prayer with Songs from Taizé
- * 7.15pm Soup and Bread together * 8.00pm Finish

Everyone is welcome to take part in any part of the evening they wish to. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 will be 18th - 25th January.

Yours, in the unity of Christ, *Fr Steven Emerson*

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Please email any contributions for Welcome to: welcome@gurc.org.uk
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WELCOME

We are here to: *Grow closer to God, Support and encourage each other, Share the love of Jesus*

Sunday 12th January 2025

Morning Worship: Mr Stuart Dew **Duty Elder:** Mr Matthew Smith

New Here?

Please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website www.gurc.net under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

TODAY'S SERVICE: *Hymns and readings shown on our screens*

Rejoice & Sing 355 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult	Isa. 43 v 1-7
Rejoice & Sing 134 On Jordan's bank	Luke 3 v 15-17 & 21-22
Songs of Fellowship 334 Let the Living water flow	Luke 4 v 1-2
Rejoice & Sing 308 and 309 Spirit of the living God	
Rejoice & Sing 268 Jesus is Lord	

NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday our 10.30am service will be led by Revd Richard Brunton
Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY *this week we remember:*

Penny Norfolk, Val Parker, Alfred Parsons and Alan Paterson

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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Do not store up treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Monday: Let us remember the people caught in the recent earthquake at Mount Everest in Tibet, that they may find shelter and help when and where it is needed.

Tuesday: Let us remember the people caught up in the recent wildfires in Los Angeles, USA, that they too may find shelter and help where and when needed.

Wednesday: O God of love, O God of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease. The wrath of sinful ones restrain; give peace, O God, give peace again!

Thursday: As the time for the new President of the USA to take office approaches, we pray that God's wisdom will take charge and form the path that the new government will take.

Friday: We pray for the people in countries such as Lebanon and Syria (and many more), who are in the process of changing governments and political direction. May God also work in these places to bring his kingdom closer.

Saturday: May our hearts be filled with peaceful thoughts and kinder words each day as we take a moment to remember His promises. May He nurture us through times of sorrow, give strength during times of hardship, and grant us a lasting peace that surpasses all understanding.

Please remember to use our important resource, the online Prayerbook accessible from the front page of our website <https://gurc.net>

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REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY *More details can be found on-line at: www.gurc.net/diary, and please email any changes to diary@gurc.org.uk*

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Mini Fishes – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall in Term-time
Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space - Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary
Senior Table Tennis - Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall
Bible Study – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper
Art & Craft Club – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary
Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: 2.15pm Cornwall Room
Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 16th Jan 7.00pm Sanctuary
Church Family Breakfast – 2nd Sunday of the month: 12th Jan from 9.45am
Church Meeting – Last Saturday of the month again: 25th January 10am

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CHURCH NOTICES

As approved at the November Church Meeting we are holding a special 3 week collection to support the DEC's "Middle East Humanitarian Appeal", in response to the conflict in the Middle East, which is devastating lives. Millions of people across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies! Please give generously. *Matthew Smith*

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Tuesday Fellowship meets on this Tuesday 14th.
We will hold our AGM when our annual membership fee is due of £5.
And then Carpet Bowls! *Christina & Wilf*