

Furrough Cross United Reformed Church



October / November 2022

This August we entered the
St Marychurch Scarecrow
Festival....

*Heather
applying
the
finishing
touches –
Faith did
need a
lot of
make-up!*



CAR PARK CLEARANCE GANG

We had a brilliant team of willing volunteers who worked in sweltering heat one Thursday morning, clearing the vegetation in the car park.

Grateful thanks to (l-r) Hugh, Ron, Val, Paul, Adrian and Andrew. Rev Heather provided delicious refreshments and Roy took pictures.

It took three trips to Paignton tip to dispose of the results of all their hard work!



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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and Junior Church: Sundays at 10.30 am. Communion on 1st Sunday of each month.

Midweek Worship: Wednesdays at 2.30 pm.

Messy Church: 2nd Friday of each month (not August) 4 to 6 pm.

Friday Coffee: Every Friday 10.00 - 12.00.



Bereavement and Friendship Group: 4th Thursday of each month, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, in conjunction with the local Community Builders.

First Friday Film: 1st Friday of each month 2.30pm

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A HYMN UPON THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II *Rev Dominic Grant*

Suggested tune: Thaxted ('I vow to thee my country')

We stand to mourn a sovereign,
a nation's guide and friend,
who through long years of tumult
was faithful to the end.
We offer our thanksgiving
for all that she instilled:
her constancy of service,
her lifetime's vow fulfilled.
Now from our world departed -
though never from our hearts -
receive her in the peace, Lord,
Your love alone imparts.

And as we mark a passing
of sceptre, orb, and throne,
we'll find in her compassion
a pattern for our own:
that all who stand in mourning,
or languish now in fear,
may know again Your promise
to wipe away each tear.
With her we'll join in witness,
Christ's mercies our refrain:
great Sovereign of the nations,
eternal is Your reign!

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A PRAYER

God of love, we thank you for the life of the Queen, for her service to our nation, and for her faith in you. Be close to all of us who mourn, that we may we find comfort and hope in Your love. Amen.

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

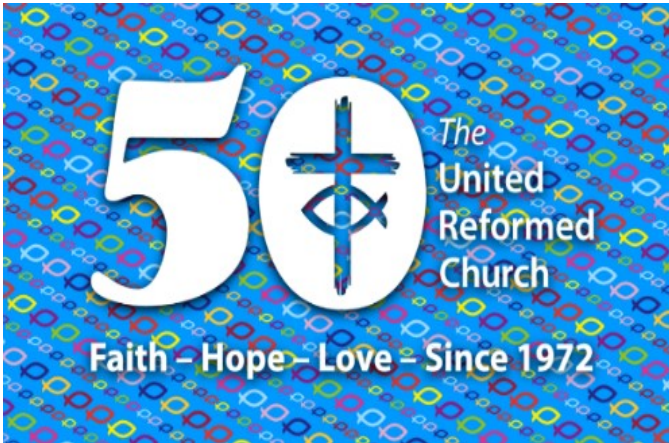
Herbert Doney

When we lose
a loved one
Life is not much fun:
It leaves behind
a broken heart
For the loved one
that has gone.
Words can't express
our feelings
Only memories
linger on,
But in the book
of scripture
It tells us
'Life Lives On'.

EDITORIAL

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We really enjoyed constructing our scarecrow “Fabulous Faith”, and were pleased that she received a “Well Done!” rosette. During the following week it was wonderful to see families, couple and lone adults stop to look at Faith and to read the notice relating her to our witness as a church [see front cover]. The Scarecrow Appreciation Society has welcomed us with open arms!



I remember the excitement in our Congregational Church at Wembley when we discussed our denomination joining with the Presbyterian Church in England, as part of what we hoped and believed would be a much wider

ecumenical move. It’s hard to believe that was 50 years ago!

After missing out on several holidays due to Covid, we’ve been catching up this summer, with a ‘backpacking’ trip to Scotland, a rented cottage for the family in Cornwall and then an adults-only hotel in Warwickshire. But the day after we returned, Heather wasn’t too well and she tested positive for Covid, and I did two days later!

As I get older, I find my life often revolves around the Optician, Pharmacy and Bakers: it’s all about Specs, Drugs and Sausage rolls!

The next magazine will be in December, with a deadline for items of 15th November. Please let me have your news, thoughts, views, anything!

FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Heather Cadoux

Dear Friends,

We are living in times of change. Those who have been in the wings are stepping up into new roles. Even though Charles III and Prince William have for some time been preparing for the moment when they would step into their new roles, I suspect that they will discover challenges they hadn't thought



of. Of course, the way in which the King fills the role of sovereign will be different in some ways from the way in which his mother filled the role. We've already seen that, as the King and Queen Consort and other members of the Royal family have met with those wishing to express their condolences following the death of Queen Elizabeth. We've also had pointed out to us a few times of frustration – like the pen incident.

I have to admit my heart has gone out to the King and the other members of the Royal family as they have striven to do what is right, whilst grieving the loss of a much-loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Those of us who have lost a spouse or parent know that, if we are honest, all we really want to do in the early days is retreat and begin to rebuild our lives in quiet rather than in the spotlight.

We are entering into a new era. A new Prime Minister and a new sovereign just days apart. Who knows what the future will bring? Some may feel bereft, like someone I heard of who is coming up to their 100th birthday and was looking forward to their card from the Queen. The person who they were talking to said “but you'll still get a card from the King”; the reply was “yes but it won't be the same”.

I can imagine that many may have said “yes but it won't be the same” after Jesus died. No it wasn't. Once the disciples had begun to work through their grief and had received the Holy Spirit, there was an explosion as the Kingdom of God grew day by day. The Gospel spread as the disciples found their feet in their new role and went where they were

led. The book of Acts details some of the places they went and how the Good News of Jesus was taken into new places.

Changes are afoot within the leadership team at Furrough Cross URC. Our current church secretary informed us last April that he would be standing down at the 2023 AGM. Events have overtaken Steve and personal issues mean that he needs to take a step back now. Personally I want to say a huge thank you to Steve for stepping up following the death of Maggie Field. Without his knowledge and support, my early days here as your minister would have been very much harder. His encouragement and support made it so much easier for me, along with the other elders, to be able to ensure that Furrough Cross was able to cope with the challenges thrown at us by the pandemic.

The role of church secretary is a pivotal one in the life of the church, and without someone in this role the church cannot function. I've been involved either as member or minister of a number of churches and I've found that the ways in which the role has been filled have varied. There have been churches with one church secretary, some with one or more assistant church secretaries and others with teams. Each person who has taken up the role or part of the role have made it their own. Furrough Cross URC needs someone or a team of people who would be prepared to work together to ensure that the work of Furrough Cross Church can continue. If you think you might be able to help in some way please have a conversation with me or Steve.

I'm sure that the disciples may well have trembled in their boots (or more probably sandals) as they took over from Jesus. They were not alone, they had each other to check things against and they had the help of the Holy Spirit. It was not long before ordinary people like Peter, James, John, Philip and eventually Paul were able in one way to do more than Jesus did, as they travelled the then known world reaching out and touching lives just as Jesus had done.

As we go into this new future – a new beginning after the past two years in which COVID has transformed the way we live – may we have the courage to step up and take hold of all that we are promised as children

of God. We have a hope for the future and I pray that you and I will take that hope and use it not only to grow this church but to share with everyone we meet.

Love and prayers,
Heather

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 26TH

Rev Heather

There will be a planning meeting at 10am on Tuesday 11th October in the Furrough room - all welcome.

Avril and Mary are looking for substantial prizes for the Raffle. Heather has suggested having basket prizes, e.g. an Italian basket might contain various items from Italy – wine, pasta, sauce etc. Or perhaps a basket with a particular colour theme containing items that are of that colour. The prizes in the Raffle need to be of greater value than those you would find on the tombola stall.

Clare is on the lookout for items for the bottle tombola and the jigsaw puzzle stalls.

There has been a donation of jewellery and more donations are welcome, and we are looking for someone to take on this stall. Please let Heather know if you would like to help on this stall.

There will also be a produce stall for cakes and other handmade edible items. We will also be providing refreshments. If you can help in any way, please speak to Heather.

WORKING TOGETHER QUESTIONNAIRE

Rev Heather

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire. There are still a few responses to put into the system and then those who are responsible for specific areas will be given the list of people who are prepared to help in that area. No doubt they will be in contact the next time there is a need for your support or when the next rota is prepared.

If you haven't yet completed the questionnaire, it is not too late to return a response, and Roy can send you an online version, or hard copies are still available in church.



MESSY CHURCH

Shirley Leaman

September's Messy Church, on a harvest theme, was much enjoyed by those who came. The children made a big harvest picture showing the harvest of the bees (and enjoyed the taste of a spoonful of honey), the harvest of the land and the harvest of the sea. We talked about how God sent the sun and rain to make everything grow and how important it is to say thank you to Him. We planted hyacinth bulbs to take home, iced biscuits, made lovely pencil top bees, decorated butterflies, made scarecrow fridge magnets and pine cone hedgehogs. The hit of the afternoon had to be making an exploding



volcano - with Coke flying out in all directions!

In our worship time Heather told the children the story Jesus told to his friends, about the sower who sowed seeds - some fell on rocky ground, some were choked by weeds and some the birds ate. But some seed fell on the good ground and grew up tall and strong.

Our next Messy Church is on **Friday 14th October** from 3.45 pm to 6 pm.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY FREE BREAKFAST!

CAP South West

In light of the current cost of living crisis, we at CAP are seeing people in our communities struggling to afford essentials such as food and heating. We know that the situation is likely to get worse as people are being pulled into deeper poverty, but we also know the value of the support that can be offered through churches. So what better time to come together, hear of the challenges we face in Torbay, and talk about how we, the Church, can bring vital support at this time.

We will provide a free pre-booked breakfast for you to enjoy as we provide an opportunity to highlight what great support is being offered already through churches in our area. Then we really want your input to help us plan together for our community.

8.00 - 9.00 am on Thursday 3rd November at Daisy's, 480 Babbacombe Rd.

If you have any further questions or would like to book a place, please get in touch at sianhearsey@capuk.org.

NEW PROJECTOR We have just had a new projector installed, which should use less energy and provide greater reliability.

ENERGY SAVING Please ensure you only turn on church lights that need to be on, and double check that everything is switched off when leaving.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th October 10.00am Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting, Furrough Room

Sunday 16th October 10:30 Communion Service celebrating 40 years of the URC (postponed from 2nd October)

Thursday 20th October Christians Together in Torquay – Celebration and AGM, 7.30pm at Assumption Church, Abbey Rd

Saturday 26th November 10:30 - 1:30 CHRISTMAS FAYRE

MAGAZINE COSTS

Editor

Like everything else, the cost to the church of producing the magazine is going up. Since I took over as editor during Covid, it has been freely available, but Church Meeting was told that it costs about £1 to produce each printed copy. I will attach an envelope to the December edition and I hope that you will be able to contribute £6 which will cover all issues in 2023. If we have to post it to you, the total cost is about £10 per year. Receiving the magazine by email will of course continue to be free (and has the advantage of better quality pictures and more of them in colour), although perhaps you might like to make a donation so that we can gift copies to Messy Church families.



THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST - A CELEBRATION

In an act of worship taking place on **Thursday 20th October** at 7.30pm at Assumption Church in Abbey Road, CTT will be:

- Reaffirming our purpose
- Relaunching our work
- Rededicating our lives
- and Celebrating His great faithfulness

So much more than an AGM!

WE WELCOME Rev Jeff Short to Torquay - he is the new Methodist minister at Central Church (which is joint URC/Methodist), as well as at Victoria Park and Goodrington Methodist Churches. He is also Superintendent of the Torbay Circuit.

PRAYER BREAKFAST - the first Saturday of each month (not January), 8.00 am at Central Church. Food, fellowship, news and prayer. Often we are pleased to welcome either Kevin Foster MP or Cllr Steve Darling, Leader of Torbay Council.

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

Herbert Doney

Someone said “I forgive you” – I believe it to be true,
For I’ve just told somebody that I forgave them too!
And if we keep forgiving, just think how things will be –
A peaceful world to live in, and it’s because of you and me!

A CHOIR, A CURTAIN, A CLOCK AND AN UNSUNG HERO *Carole Doney*

In June the Torbay Police Choir was joined by a Welsh choir for a concert in a full St Luke’s, the most colourful church in Torquay. About 50 years ago I made blue velvet curtains for the church (at the front right) when I worked for Williams & Cox, a furniture shop on the harbour by the Mallock Tower. Two years later the curtains were damaged in a fire lit by an arsonist, so I had to make another set, which are still there.

That concert was the last one attended by Keith Fursdon, who sadly died in August. Keith began the weekly job of winding the clock in the Mallock Tower when he was 17 in 1962 – five months before I started work across the road. The clock has stopped since Keith died, as the Council have not yet found a replacement for him.

Keith’s funeral was held in St Luke’s; again the church was full, including the Police Choir, the Brixham Choir and handbell ringers, as well as some members from Furrough Cross. He will be greatly missed.



Herbie singing with the Torbay Police Choir in St Luke’s Church

OUR NEW SINGING GROUP sung a new (to most of us) hymn at the Harvest Festival, and will be singing a hymn specially written for the URC’s 50th anniversary at a special celebratory service on 16th October.

HARVEST LUNCH About 35 of us enjoyed a lovely bring-and-share lunch after the harvest festival. Thank you to all who participated.

SIR CULLING SMITH-EARDLEY

There was a very interesting article by Angela Lafferty of Torquay Museum about the Eardley's in the Torbay Weekly (22 September – see <https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&pubid=e0da188c-2ab7-4429-b104-9765c6e679e1>).

Our church might never have been built if it wasn't for the generosity of Sir Culling.

Sir Culling had strong convictions about evangelism and church unity, and had been the prime mover in the founding of the Evangelical Alliance in 1845. He worked hard politically to improve relationships between the Church of England and non-conformists, but the couple always supported individuals banned from parish churches and they funded the construction of Furrough Cross Church, very much against the wishes of Bishop Phillpotts.

The family had moved to Torquay from Erith in Kent, and were instrumental in setting up what was probably the Bay's first nursing home, on Vaughan Parade. Later in 1860 he built Erith House, a convalescent home on Warberry Hill, in memory of his wife. It is still operating as a charity today, providing 20 en-suite rooms.

DROP ME ANOTHER LETTER

Below are 21 anagrams, each of which is a UK town or city, but with an added letter in each. Can you find the 'rogue' letter and thus uncover all the towns?

As an example, dropping the E from BUYER will give us BURY. Good luck!

Habit	Rocky	Arched	Brayed	Felony
Latino	Looped	Overdo	Router	Sealed
Charred	Launders	Nodules	Senhoras	Hectares
Gardenia	Operants	Overland	Urbanely	Nastiest
Throbbing				

THE FIFTY YEAR QUIZ 1972 – 2022: ANSWERS

1. The West End debut of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' was in **1972**.
(Decimalisation of UK currency was 1971, the Beatles split up in 1970).
2. The Band Aid single 'Feed the World' was released in **1984**.
3. The UK's best selling car model ever was the **Ford Fiesta**.
4. Rosalind Goodfellow became the first female Moderator of the URC's General Assembly in **1982**.
5. Libby Lane became the first female Bishop in the Church of England in **2015**.
6. The award-winning film that told the true story of a Congregational missionary was **Chariots of Fire** (1981)
7. Soap operas in chronological order:
 - a) Emmerdale Farm (1972)
 - b) Brookside (1982)
 - c) Eastenders (1985)
 - d) Hollyoaks (1995)
8. **Mo Farah** won the 10,000m at the London 2012 Olympics.
9. The Queen was **46** when the URC was formed in October 1972.
10. Words of the year in chronological order:
 - a) Sudoku (2005)
 - b) Simples (2009)
 - c) Selfie (2013)
 - d) Post-truth (2016)
11. UK Prime Ministers:
 - a) Hollow drains = Harold Wilson
 - b) Rainy blot = Tony Blair
 - c) Carve diamond = David Cameron
12. The King James version of the Bible celebrated its 400th birthday in **2011**.
13. **Italy** hosted the 1990 soccer world cup.
14. Margaret Thatcher quoted **St Francis** in 1979 ('Where there is discord, may we bring harmony...')
15. Revd Geraldine Grainger was the Vicar of **Dibley**.
16. '**Today**' was launched in 1986 and ceased publication in 1995.
17. '**How Great Thou Art**' was the popular hymn of Swedish origin.

PRIME MINISTER'S COUSIN AT FURROUGH CROSS – continued from August magazine

In October 1852, shortly after starting as the first minister at Furrough Cross, The Reverend John Eddowes Gladstone (JEG) married Anna Hoyle, who had attended his previous church in London. JEG's strong evangelical stance distanced him from his cousin William (Chancellor of the Exchequer 1852-55 and later Prime Minister 1868-74 and 1880-85), who he said was 'heart and soul with the Oxford men' [the Oxford Movement claimed that the Roman church was a truer apostolic community than the Church of England. John Henry Newman, one of its leading lights, became a cardinal of the Roman Catholic church in 1879].

Sadly the source of this material does not tell us any more about his time at Furrough Cross, but after 5 years JEG's health gave way and he was ordered to seek hydropathic treatment at Malvern. He moved to live there with his wife Anna and his youngest child. His other children were at boarding school. JEG contacted the local clergy but they were unable to offer him any opportunities in their churches because of his unlicensed status. He was, however, eventually encouraged to take Sunday services in an unconsecrated schoolroom in Malvern. This was a further period of financial difficulty for JEG and his family.

Members of the local clergy eventually persuaded the Bishop of Bath and Wells to reissue JEG with a license to officiate within the diocese. In 1864 JEG and Anna moved to Tickenham (a village near Nailsea in Somerset) where he was appointed as curate-in-charge to the church of St. Quiricus and St. Julietta. Soon after their arrival, in May 1864, Anna died aged 50.

Euphemia Harris was a member of the congregation at Tickenham, and JEG married her in September 1865 and their family grew in size quite rapidly (they had five children together).

They soon discovered that the cost of another family was more than a curate's stipend could bear and, reluctantly JEG approached his cousin, now the Prime Minister, to request a Crown living. This was a courageous move because the cousins had differed politically and theologically for more than two decades. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister consented and, in

1870, JEG became the Vicar of St. Matthew's Church in industrial Wolverhampton. JEG's son (John Ernest Gladstone, 1867-1954) wrote: 'The change from the pleasant country to the squalid conditions at St. Matthew's must have been almost unbearable. This parish was the poorest in the town, no-one in its 6-7000 inhabitants being above the standing of small shopkeeper. Ironworks and furnaces surrounded our house and the noise of the steam hammers was almost continuous day and night! We children were very happy though the churchyard was our only playground, and even that was filthy with smoke from all the chimneys round.'

[The final instalment will be in the next issue]

UNDER ONE ROOF

The Royal Lyceum Theatre in Abbey Road has been resurrected by local Christian charity Unleashed Theatre Company, and although the historic building still needs a lot of work they have already begun productions there. But the company's next musical will be at the Princess Theatre, Torquay, on **Sunday 16th October** at 7.30pm.

"Under one Roof 3" will be an epic night of music and comedy, heart-warming and thought-provoking, raising funds for the ex-homeless and recovery communities in Torbay. Tickets from the Princess Theatre.



OUR FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS have restarted, 10am - 12 each Friday. Join us for a chat, to get out of the cold, to make new friends, whatever!

PRAYER CAIRN Roy

A recent walk took me to Budleigh Salterton, where I spotted this wonderful prayer cairn, which looks like it is being constantly added to. [More pictures on page 19]



Christmas activities at Furrough Cross



Saturday 26th November 10.30am – 1.30 pm
Christmas Fayre with stalls, gifts and refreshments with a Christmas flavour

Friday 2nd December 2.30pm
First Friday Film

Film: 'Nativity', with festive refreshments.
Free entry.
Donations welcome to cover refreshments.



Saturday 3rd December 3.00pm
A Quiet Christmas Service

An opportunity for those who have lost loved ones to remember them, with carols and festive refreshments.

Sunday 18th December 6.00pm **Carols by Candlelight** The Christmas Story and favourite carols with festive refreshments



Christmas Eve
11.30pm
Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10.30am
Worship for Christmas Day

MESSY CHURCH TEAM AT PLAY

A good number of the team who help in so many ways with Messy Church had a well-deserved break in August, and enjoyed a lovely meal at the Babbacombe Inn. Many thanks to Shirley for organising it.

THE ENERGY PRICE CRISIS

A Chinese restaurant has been hit with a £40,000 electricity bill. They say they can't turn off the lights, but they do dim sum...





TORQUAY ON 'SONGS OF PRAISE'

Torbay Area Dean, Nathan Kiyaga, and BBC presenter Gemma Hunt on the footbridge admiring the latest work of Christian sand artist Geoff Ward on Torre Abbey Sands.



St MARYCHURCH SCARECROW TRAIL

Ann

Marilyn and I took our grandchildren on the Scarecrow Trail. Of course we started at our church, where they soon found "Faith" and thought she truly did look "Fabulous"!

We had a really lovely time with the children, and we found 61 scarecrows – not bad!

[Altogether there were about 70 to find around St Marychurch!]

