

# Royal Wootton Bassett United Reformed Church July 2018 Newsletter



## Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

1 <sup>st</sup>	Terry Riches including Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Sarah Simpson
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bryan Elkington
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Revd Adrian Heath
29 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Andrew Francis

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## Good news!

In June we were pleased to hear that Cricklade United Church had called our Minister, Sarah, to be their Minister, and she had accepted.

By joining with Malmesbury and Royal Wootton Bassett URCs the joint pastorate can now support 100% of a Minister so Sarah's situation is secure. The three churches sit nicely together in the north of Wiltshire, and have similar market town cultures. Cricklade and Wootton Bassett have local government links going back to the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Rural District Council. Bassett has been in a joint pastorate with Cricklade in the past so we have old friends there.

A Service of Induction for Sarah will be held at Cricklade on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm and all will be welcome.

## This Time Tomorrow -

This series is to help us understand what folk do in their life outside church. If you haven't already, would you like to pen a paragraph or two?

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## Christian Aid

Our internal envelope collection raised £24.71

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## End of term

We send best wishes to all the children and young people coming to the end of their school years, whether preparing to change classes or schools. And to all those adults who help them on their journeys.

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## Sing a Musical in a Day

A team from Christian Music Ministries will be coming to Cricklade United Church on Saturday 29 September 2018 to run a scratch "musical in a day". The musical will be Jarius' Daughter and the team will provide the conductor and the musicians. The conductor will be Annie Routley who did such a great job in leading Apostle last year. All we need are singers and participants!

We can't stress enough that this is a fun event, suitable for all ages and all levels of musical ability and none! All that is needed is a willingness to participate.

The day will start at 10am and will culminate with a performance of Jarius' Daughter at 6pm in the early evening.

Further information is available from Mary Coole (01793 751020)

## Rotas for July

	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>Notices</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Tea</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Isobel	Nicky	Jack	Richard	Jenny, Lorna	Richard, Joy	Jack, Isobel
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny	Richard	Fiona	Richard	Ron, Margaret		Andrew, Fiona
15 <sup>th</sup>	Angela	Eileen	Jenny	Jenny	Nicky, Fiona		Ron, Margaret
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Doreen	Joy	Andrew	Richard	Richard, Andrew		Eileen, Jenny
29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret	Lorna	Joy	Richard	Brian, Jack		Joy, Fiona

## Murmurings from the Manse

Recently I became aware of a situation where someone was claiming to be something they weren't. Normally this would have been easily dealt with but in this case it wasn't the first time and it was inevitable that repercussions would follow. I couldn't help but feel sorry for everyone involved in the case, it was a sad situation and no one came out unscathed.

Being someone else, assuming another role in life, or claiming a position we have no right to ... what leads individuals to do this? Is it an escape from reality, an unfulfilled ambition, an overactive imagination, or something else entirely?

Jesus was quick to see through individuals who claimed something they had no right to, he also saw through those leaders who had the title but whose thoughts and actions showed them unworthy of the office, we see throughout the gospels of those who tried to get close to Jesus only to be told firmly that they needed to change, and those who hung back because they didn't think Jesus would want to know them. Was it their honesty as well as their desire to learn that attracted them to Jesus?

We are blessed by the knowledge that Jesus loves each one of us as we are, accepts us as we are, that doesn't mean there is no need for improvement, but the starting point is the simple word, 'come'.

Let us give thanks for the welcome we receive from Jesus, and resolve to be worthy of his trust in us to work in his name.

Yours in Christ

**Sarah**



On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Lorna was received into membership of our Church by transfer. Her Mum's dog witnessed the proceedings. And there was cake, made by Fiona.



## Church Diary for July

### Church Lunch at Cross Keys

Sunday 1st July 12.30pm

### Community Tea

Saturday 7th July 2-5pm

### Bring a friend Sunday service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am

### Elders Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7pm

### Quiz - Martin Osman is the quizmaster

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Emmanuel URC, Hayden Wick

**RWB Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form** are painting a toddler friendly mural on the lounge wall on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July. On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> they will run a community coffee morning in the hall - an opportunity to hear music played by students, eat scones baked by students and watch the progress of the mural.



**Hive Toddler Group** for parents, carers, and babies and toddlers, meets Thursday mornings, 9.30-11.30

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