



## Hertford

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**OCTOBER 2024**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**We aim to be an active Christian Church open to all, meeting together for worship, teaching and prayer and offering loving care and support to all. We work alongside other Christian Churches reaching out into the Community with love**

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that this time is marked by various Christian traditions observing important feast days. In other denominations, October includes celebrations of saints like St. Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux and Our Lady of the Rosary. Whilst we respect and acknowledge these traditions, our focus as Protestants is distinct, as we remember Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Reformation was a pivotal event in our history, igniting the renewed emphasis on the authority of Scripture, the grace of God and the priesthood of all believers. As we commemorate Martin Luther's bold stand, we are reminded of the transformative power of God's truth in shaping God's church. This is a time to reflect on our calling as a community that seeks to honour the gospel and uphold the values of the Reformation.

Yet, even as we celebrate this heritage, we must also acknowledge the divisions that have arisen in the history of the church. As followers of Christ, we are called to strive for unity and harmony. The same God who inspired the Reformation is the God who seeks to heal and restore. This October, let us embrace the theme of harmony, not only in our relationships with other Christian traditions but also within our own communities.

There are many among us who are hurting – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As we reflect on the Reformation's message of renewal, let us also commit ourselves to being agents of God's healing power. Just as Jesus came to reconcile and

restore, we too are called to bring comfort and healing to those who are in need.

May this month be a time of prayerful reflection, of seeking harmony in our relationships, and of allowing God to use us as instruments of God's healing grace.

In Christ's love  
Mark

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### **Letter of thanks to the Fellowship**

Dear Friends,

The past two months have been quite a journey for us both but one where you have been with us throughout. With your messages, cards, support, I keep looking at him and thanking God that he is actually here and improving day by day with his mobility and strength. There is still a bit of a journey ahead as he tries to avoid any further infections and stay healthy and also to manage his food and drink intake, alongside doing all his exercises, of course.

We look forward to returning to full strength in due course. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for carrying on the good work without us, it has been really most appreciated.

You have really all been our very special Church family and are all very dear to us.

God bless you all

Bob and Fran

## **Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

In preparation for our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will, as usual, be decorating our Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to help please come along with flowers, vegetables etc., that would be great.

On Sunday you are invited to bring along to the Service, non-persishable foods etc to be donated to the Foodbank.

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### **Message from Jill Nugent**

The next drop in Art afternoon is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Broxbourne 2 – 3.30 pm.  
Please note slight change in time.

Jill

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### **MILL MEAD SCHOOL**

John Ellis made contact with Mill Mead School again at the start of term. A date has been arranged to meet them to explore developing our links and future plans will be shared as soon as possible.

Heather.

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### **PRAYERS**

Continue to pray for Bob, Fran and their family.

Continue to pray for Jan Carter

Continue to pray for Pam Hollis in Westgate Nursing Home

Continue to pray for Shirley Sloan

Continue to pray for Phoebe and her family  
Pray for Ruth and Bernard  
Pray for people known to you that they may know God's love and strength

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## **Message from Rosemary Woodall at Broxbourne URC**

You, your family and friends are warmly invited to...



### **A Time to Remember**

A Service of Thanksgiving  
to remember those we have loved and lost

led by Revd. Mark Robinson

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3pm  
United Reformed Church, Broxbourne  
followed by refreshments

All are welcome

## OCTOBER 2024

Thurs	3	10.00 am	Open House Coffee morning
Sun	6	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by David Ronco
Wed	9	8.00 pm	On-line Prayer meeting with Broxbourne and Cheshunt churches
Thurs	10	10.00 am	Open House Coffee morning – followed by Hot Potato Lunch – all welcome
<b>Sun</b>	13	10.30	Harvest Festival, worship led by our Minister, the Revd Mark Robinson and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Wed	16	8.00 pm	On-line Prayer meeting with Broxbourne and Cheshunt churches
Thurs	17	10.00 am	Open House Coffee morning
<b>Sun</b>	20	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Revd Martin Legg
Wed	23	8.00 pm	On-line Prayer meeting with Broxbourne and Cheshunt churches
Thurs	24	10.00 am	Open House Coffee morning
<b>Sun</b>	27	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by John Ellis
Wed	30	8.00 pm	On-line Prayer meeting with Broxbourne and Cheshunt churches
Thurs	31	10.00 am	Open House Coffee morning

***Foodbank opens on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10 – 11 am and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 am at the Priory, Ware.  
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