

## Cheshunt Free Church Newsletter January 2026

### Services in January

- 4<sup>th</sup> Worship at Broxbourne URC
- 11<sup>th</sup> Worship with Jackie Hall
- 18<sup>th</sup> Worship with Mark Robinson
- 25<sup>th</sup> Worship with Evodian Fonyonga



Dear friends,

A new year opens and I wish you strength, health, and deep peace as we step into 2026 together. As we move toward Epiphany, we celebrate the revealing of Christ's light in the world, and we trust that God continues to reveal wisdom, courage, and grace among us in this season too.

This year our shared focus will be Trust. At our Joint Elders' Meeting we agreed that 2026 will be shaped by this theme across our pastorate. Each month in worship we will reflect on trust in God, trust shaped by prayer, trust for daily living, and trust that steadies us in changing times. We hold close the words of Scripture that encourage us: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and acknowledge God in all your ways, and God will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust is vital for the journey ahead as we continue toward amalgamation between Cheshunt and Broxbourne. This year will bring holy moments of gratitude and new beginning. We will honour the life and faithful witness of Cheshunt Free Church with a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration on 22nd March 2026. Then we will step into a hopeful future together with a Service of Welcome and Renewal at Broxbourne on Easter Sunday 2026. These services will allow us to give thanks, to tell truth about emotion and memory, and to place our shared future confidently in God's hands.

Trust gives courage for this work. Trust creates space for honesty, listening, and care. Trust keeps us rooted in prayer, Scripture, and community as we move forward with faith and reverence for what God is shaping among us.

As the year begins, may we live fully into this calling.

May Epiphany faith steady us.

May trust grow deep among us.

May hope carry us forward.

Mark

### Drop in art afternoon

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2-3.30 pm

Broxbourne URC Lounge

Drop in to explore creatively using a variety of art materials

## Poem

### A recipe for bread – and for church life

A starter

Sweeten

Season

Add magic

Wait

Knead

Pound

Squeeze

Stretch

Wait

Shape

Sign

Pause

Bake hot

Taste

And see that the Lord is good Ps 34

Happy New Year