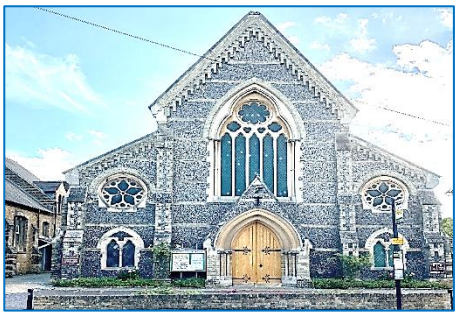
The United Reformed Church



HERTFORD, Cowbridge, SG14 1PG



NOVEMBER 2026

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.

Dear Friends,

November brings us once again to Remembrance Sunday. We gather to remember those who have died in war, the lives interrupted, the families who have lived with loss, and the suffering that continues long after the fighting has ended.

Yet remembrance also asks something of the living. Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). These words come from the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus speaks of a world shaped by God’s purposes. A world in which the poor are blessed, those who mourn are comforted, and those who hunger for righteousness are promised that their longing will be satisfied.

I find it an amazing vision, especially when we consider the world as it is today. Across the world, people continue to live with the consequences of war, injustice and displacement. Even in our own communities, there are people carrying grief and anxieties that others may never see.

What does it mean, then, to be a peacemaker? Does it begin with how we regard one another, whose suffering we are willing to recognise, and whether we have the courage to challenge the things that diminish human life?

The resurrection of Jesus gives us reason to believe that violence and death will never have the final word. God’s future holds the promise of life restored. As we remember this November, may that hope shape the way we live, the decisions we make, and the care we show for one another.

Good wishes, Mark

Pastorate Update

Dear friends,

I am holding off writing our next Pastorate Update until after the Church Meeting at Broxbourne on 1st November, so that I can include the latest news from both Churches.

The update will be circulated by email as usual.

Good wishes

Mark.

Photography Competition

Report from Amanda and Cheryl

People from URC Hertford and URC Broxbourne gathered together on Sunday 18th October, for a very enjoyable tea with some wonderful home baked cakes. Anyone who didn't come missed a treat.

The photos from the competition were displayed across 3 tables for everyone to admire. Prizes were presented (in the Adult section) Wildlife and Nature.

Ian Woodall received a First Prize certificate and a Boots voucher for his photo of frozen seas at Patagonoia.

Laurence Sinden came second with his photo of a beautiful spider.

Jill Nugent came third but was unable to attend. The judge commented that he liked the way the grain of the tree bark led the eye down to the group of fungi at the bottom.

In the Children's Open category, First Prize was for the beautiful white swan and the winner received a cup and a First Prize certificate and the two runners up received 2nd and 3rd prize certificates.

The subject for 2027 is "SIGNS OF THE SEASON", so keep your camera ready and snap some good photos throughout the year.

Our thanks go to Stepanka for designing the lovely certificates.

If anyone would like to order, or for more information about the Photo Calendar, please talk to Mary Bite.

Report from Mary and Chris Bite

The afternoon Pastorate Tea and voting for calendar photos were a great success, with around 30 people from both churches attending.

The photos selected for the calendar months are the three prize-winning entries, the three children's winners, and, from Broxbourne, **Snowy Owl**, **Durdle Door, Dorset**, and **Baby Blackbirds**. From Hertford, the selected photos are **Coastal Path at Durlston Head, Dorset**, **Snowy Village**, and **Buzzard in Flight**.

It is hoped that the remaining photos will be included on the front cover.

The calendars now need to be prepared, and we hope to receive the batch in time for the Christmas Market so that any remaining copies can be sold there.

Mary and Chris Bite
Broxbourne URC

Drop in Art Group

Tuesday 17th November 2026 - 2.00 – 3.30 pm

Broxbourne URC Lounge

Do you need help with your garden?

Contact Chris Hamilton – 07568 355444. Services Provided: Lawn mowing, Hedge cutting, Garden Renovations, Jet washing, Leaf clearance, Gutter clearance.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Service- 10.30 am

Saturday 14th November – Local Area Group (LAG) Elders' Day at Broxbourne 9.30 am – 4 pm

Sunday 22nd November - Foodbank Service, 10.30 am

Sunday 22nd November – "November Nightingales" concert at URC with refreshments – 3 pm







USED POSTAGE STAMPS – If you have any used postage stamps, could you please put them in the container at the side of the Church. Shirley is collecting these for the Isobel Hospice

DIARY NOVEMBER 2026

1 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service – Led by our Minister, Revd Mark Robinson, including the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
2 Nov	10-12 am	Short Mat Bowls
4 Nov	8.00 pm	On-line prayer meeting with Broxbourne Church via Zoom
5 Nov	10.00 am	Open House Coffee Morning
8 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service – Remembrance Sunday, led by John Ellis
9 Nov	10-12 am	Short mat Bowls
11 Nov	8.00 pm	On-line prayer meeting with Broxbourne Church via Zoom
12 Nov	10.00 am	Open House Coffee Morning, followed by Hot Potato lunch
15 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service - Led by Jerry Forrester, Hertford Baptist Church
16 Nov	10-12 am	Short Mat Bowls
18 Nov	8.00pm	On-line prayer meeting with Broxbourne Church via Zoom
19 Nov	10.00 am	Open House Coffee Morning
22 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service – Foodbank Service, led by John Ellis
23 Nov	10-12 am	Short Mat Bowls
25 Nov	8.00 pm	On-line prayer meeting with Broxbourne Church via Zoom
26 Nov	10.00 am	Open House Coffee Morning
29 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service – Led by our Minister, Revd Mark Robinson
30 Nov	10-12 am	Short Mat Bowls

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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