

## THE WEEKLY WINDOW



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

A very warm welcome to worship this morning which will be led by Marion Balance.

**Duty Elder:** Viv Wilson

**Hymns:** R & S 378, R & S 84, R & S 564, R & S 474  
& R & S 496

**Readings:** Matthew 18: 15 – 20; Romans 13: 8 – 14

September's rota is on the notice board in the foyer. Please add you name to a slot/s if you can offer help. *Thank you.*

Jenny's contact details; – Tel: 01908 611427 (Church office) and leave a message, or mobile 07703485017. Her usual day off is Saturday. Her E-mail address is **revdjmill@btinternet.com**

*Items for the **Weekly Window** to Eva by Thursday,  
Tel: 01908 612261 or **eva.bangle@lineone.net** Thank you*

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**13.00 – 15.00: Toddler Praise Lite** in the Church.

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**19.30: United Area Meeting** at Deanshanger Methodist Church.

**19.45:** Elders' Meeting in the William Bull room.

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**09.30 – 11.00: Toddler Praise** – preschool worship with parents and carers, in the Church.

**11.30: Meeting Point.** Midweek worship with Holy Communion will be led by Jenny. Followed by soup and a roll.

**15.30: Pilots** meet in the Church.

After school Club for 4 – 11 yr olds.

## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00 – noon: Knit and Natter** in the foyer.

## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**13.00 – 16.00: Urb Farm Honey Day** 196 – 198 Windsor Street, Wolverton. See poster in the foyer for more information.

### **19.30: Newport Pagnell Singers in concert**

You may already know that the Newport Pagnell Singers have chosen the Mead Centre to be their Charity of the Year for 2017. So far this year there have been two concerts and we have made bucket collections at each. The concert on 16<sup>th</sup> September is in our church and the *entire* proceeds of the event will go to the Mead Centre. This is a very generous gesture by the singers and it is vital that we sell all the available tickets. We will also be holding a raffle and would welcome donations suitable for prizes. Tickets for the concert (£10) are available from Geoff, Alison or John, and from Cambourne Travel.

Please go to either our Facebook page (URC Newport Pagnell) or to the URC website to find out about Daughters of Dissent, an article that includes Jenny. On **17 September 2017**, the United Reformed Church and the Congregational Federation in the UK will mark the centenary of the ordination of Constance Coltman as a Congregational minister. She was the first woman to be ordained in a mainstream British denomination – and she continued her pioneering role by remaining active in ministry as a married woman and mother. One of the churches she served, along with her husband Claud, was

Wolverton Congregational Church. There will be two public events to mark this important centenary to which all are warmly invited: On **Saturday 16 September at 13.00** there will be a public lecture at the Dr Williams Library in London. And a thanksgiving service to mark the Centenary will be held on **Sunday 17 September 2017 at 15.00** at the American International Church in London. The preacher will be Revd Dr Susan Durber and taking part will be international guests from the wider family of the Council for World Mission. Please contact Jenny to find out more.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30: Morning worship** will be led by Revd. Jenny Mills.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.30:** Harvest service and lunch with Church Meeting. As encouraged by our Synod, we are having a Harvest of Hopes and Dreams as our theme and will feed this back to the Children and Youth Development Officer to combine with the thoughts of the young people she has worked with and be shared Synod wide...more to follow. Please think of any natural decorations you can provide for us to create a Harvest display with flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc. And anyone willing to help create a centrepiece and decorate the front, on the Saturday, please let Jenny know.

### **Commitment for Life**

This church supports the URC 1% appeal for Commitment for Life, now in its 25th year. Our chosen area is Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, working via Christian Aid with its partner organisation Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans. There will be some booklets in the foyer or check **[www.cforl.org.uk](http://www.cforl.org.uk)**.

At Harvest time, you are asked to consider giving 1% of your income to this cause. As a church we also have agreed each year to give 1% of our church's income from regular giving and rental.

Envelopes will be available at the Harvest service, or you can give to the church account via BACS ( ensure you use CforL as a reference so it is clear what your donation is for and email Ruth if this can be gift aided).

***We offer to God through prayer those people and situations shown below .....***

We think of Paul and his family following the death of his mother for whom he has cared, alongside his brother, for many months. May she rest in peace and may the family find reassurance and hope in their time of mourning.

We bring to God those things for which we are thankful and that bring us happiness and a sense of community and belonging.

For Jenny on the occasion of her Ordination 9 years ago this past week. For her enthusiasm, her commitment and for all that she does for us as a congregation and in the community.

We bring to God those known to us who are finding life hard due to illness, sadness, age or infirmity. We particularly think this week of Val, recovering well from her knee replacement but having side effects from the medication; Gwen, Joyce, Eileen, Mandy and those known to us personally.

We think of those coping with difficult situations that involve damaging relationships and hurting people. We hold before God all those who feel sad and lonely, distanced from God and from the things that bring them joy. We stop and think of those who cannot experience everyday life in all its 'normality' because of difficulties or illness.

Those who have been affected by the devastating hurricanes in the Caribbean, and the floods in Houston. May the emergency services and government step up and help to provide accommodation and support to those whose lives have been affected by the flooding.

We think of all those returning to school or study and those teachers and lecturers going back to work in schools and colleges. May the new academic year bring a sense of excitement and may nerves and fears be allayed by a good welcome and kind actions and words.

We think of all of those who received exam results over the past few weeks. May their next steps take them closer to achieving their potential; may any disappointments be overcome as they seek new options and possibilities, understanding that this disappointment is only temporary and will ease. .