

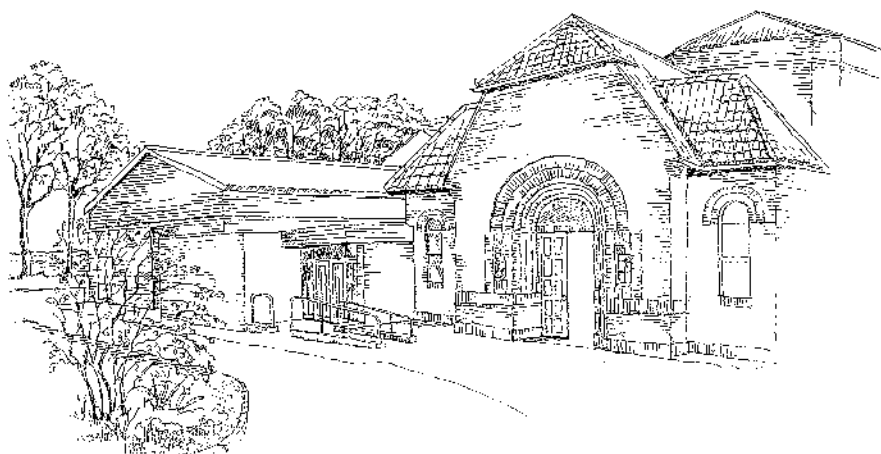


*The*  
**United  
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Church**

# *Sherwood*

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## **The Newsletter**

*October and November 2017*

If you change nothing,  
nothing will change *(Unknown)*

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## Minister's Letter

It has been a hard August and September for Tricia and me with so many troubles crowding into our lives and the life of the church. Looking back it seems for have flown by, but during those weeks it lingered and dawdled.

During that time I found inspiration from beyond the grave! It was while meeting Brian and Anne Lee (Brian used to examine our church accounts) to talk about Anne's Aunt Helen who had just died at the age of 103! I was shown some of the many prayers that Helen had collected or written herself.

Many people go through life complaining, having nothing positive to say about anything. It is easy to be negative about things, but that sort of attitude eats away at our happiness, and poisons our relationships and even the body. It takes quite some effort to be different, to be positive, to 'praise God in all things' (Eph 5:20) – but being positive feeds our happiness and removes the poison from our lives and our bodies. When you go into care, and all your freedoms are removed, it is even easier to descend into negativity, so when I read this prayer I was touched by it's immensely positive attitude. And I am sure that this positive attitude contributed to the length of her life.

Loving God we thank you for our fellowship together.  
You have given each one of us  
special talents that we can share.

Joan delights us with her poems,  
Hettie with her ready smiles,  
George with his great sense of humour,

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Edna, who is an inspiration to us all  
with her courage.

Jean who always looks so smart,  
Barbara with her beautiful voice,  
Peggy who shares her beautiful flowers  
from her daughter.

Clarice so clever at quizzes, and Kate so friendly.  
and our Chris, Sylvia and Jenny – in fact all our  
carers who work endlessly for our comfort.

Loving God be with us in our fellowship.  
We ask this in your dear name, Jesus. Amen

*By Helen Carrier (1914 – 2017)*

Be positive – it is good for you, for the fellowship of the  
church, and for the world!

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Two very good and positive events have occurred. The first was the induction of Revd Chris Ford as Minister to St Andrew's with Castlegate. It was a light and positive ceremony (so many inductions in the past have been long and tedious!) and it felt like the start of a wonderful new period in the church's life. It was a bitter sweet event though, as Chris moved from Clifton, Friary, and Keyworth, leaving those three congregations without their own minister at a time of uncertainty. As a pastoral consultant I will become involved in helping to lead them through this time.

The second event was the installation of Bridget Baguley as the new Vicar of St Martin's. That too was a light and uplifting ceremony, and they too are looking forward with their new and impressively qualified minister to a time of new life.

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In this URC Feasts and Festivals year when we are remembering our Reformed Heritage 500 years on, the similarities and differences between these two ceremonies were striking. Stripping away the obvious denominational differences in terminology (Moderator / Bishop, Archdeacon / pastoral consultant, Priest / Minister and so on) much of the language used in both was very similar. To my mind the fundamental difference is set in the middle of each liturgy.

In the Anglican service, the new incumbent pledges allegiance to the Queen (and thereby to her government) and then kneels down before the Bishop and pledges obedience to him.

At the similar point in our liturgy we read through the Nature and faith of the United Reformed Church in which it highlights our dissenting origins:

We believe that Christ gives his Church a government distinct from the government of the state. In the things that affect obedience to God the Church is not subordinate to the state, but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ, its only Ruler and Head. Civil authorities are called to serve God's will of justice and peace for all humankind and to respect the rights of conscience and belief.

This sets the context of what is going on, and the context subtly re-defines the meaning of the words said. Our context is one of standing up for peoples rights, of defending freedom of thought and expression, of working for justice and peace. Do we work these out in our lives and our church today? Are we still 'dissenters' in the positive meaning of the word?

*David*

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## Family News

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We record the passing of **Gordon Hyndman** whose Thanksgiving service was conducted at Sherwood United Reformed Church on 30<sup>th</sup> August following a burial at Redhill. David can remember when Gordon and Christine first came along to us, with anxious looks on their faces, soon to be replaced with looks of joy as they were welcomed by friends and members of the church. It was very rare that Gordon did not have a twinkle in his eye as he embraced every good thing that life sent his way.

**Christine Hyndman** would like to thank everyone who helped with Gordon's funeral - everything went off smoothly. People were generous in memory of Gordon and we were able to send £169.00 to both Salvation Army and Cats Protection.

We are sad to report the passing of **Lois Bucatar** whose funeral David conducted at Wilford Hill on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone who knew Lois will remember that she was a very determined and somewhat private lady. Never-the-less she was a very helpful person, especially to the marginalised in society. She met her second husband Stefan by helping him fill in the forms he had to complete as an immigrant, and together they gave practical help to many people around Daybrook Street.

Our condolences go to **Brian and Anne Lee** on the death of Anne's Aunt **Helen Carrier** at the remarkable age of 103. Helen maintained a positive attitude to life and all around her right up until the end of her life. David conducted the funeral at Bramcote on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

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Many congratulations to **Roy and Barbara Musgrove** who celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017. They were married *seventy years ago* at St Peter's Church, Old Road, Radford where Barbara was christened and where her parents worshipped. Wonderful!

I would like to say a big sincere thank you, to all friends of the Church who enquired and phoned, to ask of my health during my recent absence from Church. Their messages of support and kind words were greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

*Terry Guyler*

We are so pleased you are well enough to be back with us again Terry. Several of our friends and members have been unwell, we missed you all.

## What's Happened!

### Decisions at the Church meeting

Our special Church Meeting in the series looking towards the future focussed almost entirely on the rotas, and some decisions were made to make them more practical. They will roll out in January when the existing rotas end.

**Offertory Counting** – is a legal requirement and cannot be dropped.

**Vestry Elder** – is essential, especially with visiting worship leaders.

**Door Stewards** – we will have one named steward who will be encouraged to ask others to help from time to time.

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**Collection.** From Jan 2018 the offertory will be collected as people enter the Church and brought forward in the service.

**Readers** – There will be one named reader each week, but they may ask someone else to assist.

**Intercession Prayers** – will continue, however visiting worship leaders will be asked to prepare prayers in case no one is available on the day. It was suggested that a book of intercession prayers be purchased. David offered to lead a session to assist people with prayer.

**Communion** – rota will show one elder to prepare and serve; a second volunteer will be invited on the day to assist and help with washing up.

**Flower Rota**- will stay as it is with the artificial flowers being used when no one volunteers to bring and prepare fresh.

**Coffee After Service** – there will be no coffee after the communion service

**Saturday Coffee** – is organised ecumenically

All this may simply be seen as pruning, but the discussion moved onto wider participation in the life of the church. Indeed the United Reformed Church is based on ministry of all believers in its constitution – we are all disciples not just the minister and the elders!

So we agreed to form a **Pastoral Group** and not leave that solely up to the elders; To try to form a **Worship Group** – people who are willing, with help, to have a go at leading acts of worship from time to time as a team; To draw up a list of people willing to act as **Occasional Stewards** at funerals and weddings.

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**Knitting because we care!**

Blankets, cardigans and little hats were on display in the Church during the Service on 17<sup>th</sup> September. They have been knitted by members of the Church, friends at Seely Primary School, and also three of the blankets have been crocheted by a lady who has no connection with the Church but was so willing to help.

Thank you to everyone who produced 9 blankets, 12 little hats and six cardigans well done. They are being given to the African mothers and were to be handed over to midwife Helen and her mother Stella during the Light Refreshment September meeting.



**What's Coming up!**

**The  
Phoenix  
Singers**



**In Concert**

At Sherwood United Reformed Church  
on **Saturday 21st Oct at 7.00pm**

**£5.00** – on the door

In Aid of Nottingham Hospitals Charity  
**Hayward House Appeal**

**The Reformed Players**

present their Autumn 2017 play  
**"Seeds of Doubt"**  
on 9th, 10th, and 11th November at 7.30pm.  
Look out for details on the poster at church.

## Christian Women's Fellowship

**"Your Life in God's Balance"**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

join friends from Sherwood on a weekend of inspiration and fun and worship at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick with guest speaker Revd Kate Coleman.

Speak to Tricia from more information

## Articles

### Sherwood Community Centre.

Please help us in our 'Save a Life' to get an externally attached Defibrillator (AED) installed at the Community Centre.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme which awards cash grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores – to local community projects.

Sherwood Community Centre is one of 3 community groups shortlisted to receive a cash award but we need your help to



vote for us whenever you shop at your local Tesco store to help us get the cash grant to get the defibrillator installed.

Currently the nearest publicly available Defibrillator is 3 miles away and Sherwood is a heavily populated area with shops, churches, bars, restaurants, and a large park. There are also lots of activities and groups that meet in Sherwood and at the Community Centre itself and the busy A60 road, the main route from North Nottingham runs through Sherwood.

The survival rate significantly rises to 74% with the use of a Defibrillator with CPR within 3 minutes of the heart stopping, compared to just 6% if only CPR is administered. Each minute lost decreases chances of survival by 10% and response time of emergency services on the scene is 8 minutes. It would therefore be a huge benefit to Sherwood to have a Defibrillator close by.

The device would be available to anyone calling Emergency Services when attending a casualty needing CPR. It has clear instructions on how to use it and is safe from vandalism as it can only be accessed by a key code given by Ambulance Control.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout October. Customers will cast their vote by using a token given at the check-out in store each time they shop.

The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores. So far Bags of Help has awarded £33 million to more than 6,400 community projects. For more information please visit:  
[www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp).

*from [sherwoodcommunitycentre@btck.co.uk](mailto:sherwoodcommunitycentre@btck.co.uk) News*

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**Diary****October**

1	Sun	10:30	<b>Morning Worship – D.J.L Harvest</b>
4	Wed	11:45	Prime Time
5	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
7	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
8	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – Sheila Ashmore
11	Wed	14:30	Talking on the Way – Discussion
11	Wed	19:30	Elders' Meeting
12	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
14	Sat	10:00	<b>East Midlands Synod Meeting till 16:00</b> No Coffee Morning!
15	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – Stefan
19	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
21	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
		19:00	Phoenix Choir in Concert – in Aid of Haywood House
22	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – D.J.L
25	Wed	14:30	Light Refreshment – Joy Rice
26	Thu	10:30	Half Term – NO Chill-out
28	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
29	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – John New

**November**

1	Wed	11:45	Prime Time
2	Thu	10:30	Half Term – NO Chill-out
4	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid

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5	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – Jane Henderson
8	Wed	14:30	Talking on the Way – Discussion
9	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
		19:30	Reformed Player's Autumn Production
10	Fri	19:30	Reformed Player's Autumn Production
11	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
		19:30	Reformed Player's Autumn Production
12	Sun	10:30	<b>Remembrance Sunday – D.J.L</b>
15	Wed	19:30	Elders' Meeting
16	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
18	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
19	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – D.J.L
19	Sun	12:00	Church Meeting
22	Wed	14:30	Light Refreshment – "Disability Direct"
23	Thu	10:30	Chill-out
25	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
26	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – D.J.L
30	Thu	10:30	Chill-out

## December

2	Sat	10:00	Coffee Morning – Christian Aid
3	Sun	10:30	Morning Worship – <b>D.J.L Advent</b>

<b>Magazine Deadline</b>
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Please submit your contribution for the next issue of Church News by Sunday 12th November 2017 at the latest to Pam (926 8044) or by email to David ([revdjl@virginmedia.com](mailto:revdjl@virginmedia.com)) or Stefan ([sherwood.urc@ntlworld.com](mailto:sherwood.urc@ntlworld.com))

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<b>Rotas</b>
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		Flowers	Coffee	Vestry
<b>October</b>	1	Barbara and Roy	Pam and Doreen	Sue Janiszewski
	8	Margaret McAdams	Jean and Christine	Pam Richmond
	15		- communion -	Bev Lockyer
	22	Barbara Musgrove	George and Margaret	Joy Hammond
	29	Doreen Fillingham	Pam and Doreen	Jean Bull
<b>November</b>	5		Jean and Christine	Doreen Fillingham
	12		George and Margaret	Alison Taylor
	19		- communion -	Stefan Janiszewski
	26		Pam and Doreen	Alan Waldron
<b>Dec</b>	3		Jean and Christine	Christine Hyndman
	10		George and Margaret	

		Reader 1	Reader 2	Prayers
<b>October</b>	1	Sheila Waldron	Howard Clarke	Stefan
	8	Doreen Fillingham	Mavis Seed	Joy
	15	Pam Whitby	Norman Parr	Bev
	22	Roy Musgrove	Barbara Musgrove	Tricia
	29	Howard Clarke	Mavis Kimbley	Roy
<b>November</b>	5	Christine Hyndman	Stefan Janiszewski	Stefan
	12	Alan Waldron	Jean Bull	Joy
	19	Marita Chambers	Bev Lockyer	Tricia
	26	Sheila Waldron	Joy Hammond	Roy
<b>Dec</b>	3	Doreen Fillingham	Mavis Seed	Stefan
	10	Pam Whitby	Doreen Fillingham	Joy

*Please adopt a Sunday to put fresh flowers into, perhaps to commemorate someone or some event, or simply just to support the church. Tell Sheila Waldron*

## Regular Weekly Events

### at Sherwood U.R.C

Mon	10.00 – 12.00 Line Dance	M
	6.00 – 6.45 FitSteps Health and Fitness	M
	7.30 – 9.00 Singing for fun choir (term time)	M
	7.30 – 9.00 Yoga Class	C
Tue	9.30 – 2.30 Toddler Talk (sign language )	M
	3.30 – 8.15 Emma Cain Dance Class	M
	7.30 – 9.00 Sherwood Women's Institute (last Tue)	C
Wed	12.00 – 1.30 Prime Time Lunch Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.)	G
	2.30 – 4.00 Talking on the Way discussion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	C
	2.30 – 4.00 Light Refreshment – friendship 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	C
Thu	11.00 – 1.00 'Chill Out' drop-in (term time) for under fives and their carers	M
	6.00 – 6.45 FitSteps Health and Fitness	M
	7.30 – 9.30 Reformed Players	M
	7.30 – 9.30 Beeston Big Band practice night	S
Fri	11.00 – 1.30 Stroke Club (fortnightly)	M
Sat	10.30 – 12.00 Christian Aid Coffee Morning	C

M: Main Hall; G: Gallery; C: Church Garden Room

Please note that the Sherwood Hall at the rear is no longer available

## General Information

**Minister:** Revd David Legge, 0115 952 5759  
Contact David for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

### WORSHIP

**Sunday Morning** at 10.30 with activities for children.  
with communion on the third Sunday of the month  
Check inside the magazine for special services  
which may be at other times.

**Voluntary offerings** maintain the work of the Church and details of  
planned giving can be obtained from Alison Taylor, Gift Aid  
Secretary (07757 311531)

### Serving Elders of the church:

Christine Hyndman	840 2521	Bev Lockyer	981 0960
Stefan Janiszewski	01623 750374	Pam Richmond	926 3310
Sue Janiszewska	01623 750374	Alan Waldron	965 3283

### Church Officers

<b>Church Secretary:</b>	Stefan Janiszewski	07812 975625
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<b>Book Keeper:</b>	Maria Butt	
<b>Pulpit Supply Secretary:</b>	Bev Lockyer	981 0960
<b>Magazine Secretary:</b>	Pam Whitby	926 8044
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