



the magazine

take time to talk, think, listen, pray...

Week of Prayer

I love the Lord,
because He hears me,
He listens to my prayers

Psalms 116



coming

Park united reformed church

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Secretary's Letter

Dear Friends,

First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the cards and good wishes for Carole's and my Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary.

As you know we celebrated it while at sea on a Cruise to the Mediterranean. We had a lovely day and indeed a lovely cruise, the weather was fantastic.

Forty years I now realise is a long time and certainly many events have happened during our lives together. 3 wonderful sons and 5 of the most beautiful grandchildren. Things became different to what we had expected over the last 10 years after Carole's diagnosis but our love for each other seems even stronger.

Most of our Married life has been spent in Reading. We married in Wallington at St Elphreges Catholic Church. The minister from the local United Reformed Church also took part in the service with the Priest. My Minister at the time was Rev. John Ward.

After leaving Wallington John went to Cherry Hinton Church near Cambridge. By coincidence Hilary Campbell was his Church Secretary for a number of years. We moved to Reading in 1979 and initially lived in Calcot and I became a member at St Andrew's URC. In 1983 we moved to Culver lane with Robin and Nicholas and have been in the same house ever since. The following year I transferred my membership to Park. Carole became a member a few years later.

Over the years we have both been involved with various aspects of Park Church life including Drapes, Sunday School/Salt, Youth Club, PLUS group, Spring Harvest trips and we have both been Elders for a number of years.

We have both enjoyed being part of the Park family and look forward to a future with Park.

God bless,

Roger

Family News



We have been praying recently for Jane Owen, a former member and Church Secretary at Park. Sadly Jane died in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Thursday 19th April. Her funeral was held on 28th April at Saron Welsh Methodist Chapel in Dolanog, Powys. We pray for Jane's husband, Emyr and their children, Sian, Ceri and Gareth at this sad time.

Our thoughts have also been with Gaye Rees, whose cousin, Brian died recently. Gaye and Ray have had a lot to do to arrange the funeral and sort out his affairs, so we hold them in our prayers at this time.

We heard of the death of Helen Wilmot, a friend of Elizabeth Knox, who died on 12th April. Some of us will remember buying cards made by Helen, who suffered from Muscular Dystrophy. Our thoughts are with all who knew and loved her.

We have been praying for Cynthia King's son who had a brain haematoma following an attack last October and is now home. Cynthia's other son, Desmond, had a heart attack recently so we hold Cynthia and her family in our prayers.

We pray for all those who continue to mourn the loss of a relative or friend at this time.

We congratulate Chris and Yvette Gayford, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 6th April with several events including a trip to Rome.

We also congratulate two couples on the celebrations of their Ruby wedding anniversaries - Roger and Carole Clark on 15th April and Alistair and Elizabeth Knox on 29th April.

We offer congratulations to several of our fellowship who have celebrated special birthdays recently, including Tony Durrant, Suzy Weston, both on 14th April and Inger Palmer on 15th April, Anya Alderslade on 27th April, and Frances Lancaster, on 28th April.

Jenny King had a knee operation on 21st April and is now home recovering well. We pray for her full recovery and that she will soon start to feel the benefits of increased mobility.

Hilary Campbell has been in the Windsor Ward of Wokingham Hospital following a fall. She was reported to be making slow progress but in good spirits. We pray for her and all her family now.

Jo Smith had a knee operation recently and is now home and we pray for her full recovery now.

We continue to pray for all those recovering from or receiving treatment, including Pat Fuller and Thelma Butler.

Bob Dewing

Letters



On behalf of myself and my family I would like to pass on our sincere thanks for all your help and support over the last 3 months. It has been an extremely difficult and stressful time but all your love and care made it more bearable.

Thank you to everybody for helping in organizing the celebration of John's life, the lovely daffodils in the church and the refreshments afterwards, to the ladies for making all the cakes and making everything look so nice, and for clearing and washing up afterwards.

Thank you for all flowers, card and phone calls.

We are now trying to move forward with our lives and we are grateful that John had a happy and full life and is now free of pain and is at peace.

It's very reassuring to know how much love and support is out there for all of us who experience hard time and this is something we truly cherish we will always value the strength and friendship you gave us from the church family.

Once again many, many thanks and God bless you all.

Inger Palmer & family.

Letters *(cont)*

To all at Park. I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers given before Bob passed away in March and for all the flowers, cards and telephone calls and continued prayers since then.



It is a comfort to be remembered by the 'Park Family'. God bless you all.

Thelma Butler

Many thanks for the prayers and kindness expressed with flowers over the death of my cousin Brian.

Many of you will have known I have looked after him and moved him first to independent living and then to a nursing home and the last 2 years have been particularly difficult for him as he suffered more ill health.

The funeral was on 25th April and was a joyous occasion shared with many of his ex-colleagues from Age Concern and old friends along with his sister and her husband from Canada.

Gaye

Vacancy progress.

I attended a meeting with a small group from the Area Pastoral Committee at the end of March. We discussed various possibilities for Ministry along the M4 corridor churches. It is very complicated.

The next stage is to have a meeting with representatives from those churches to see if we can find a way forward. This meeting is hoped to be in May.

I hope everyone had a lovely break over Easter. A big thank you to all those who put in so much effort with all the services and providing such a lovely breakfast. It was great to all share that special morning together.

Roger

Churches in Reading Drop In Centre (Cirdic)

To those new to the area or have just forgotten, there are 2 boxes for tins/packets of food to be placed for the above organisation. There is one box by the front door and one just inside the church coming from the hall, under the table on the left.

We support this work as part of CTEER which takes place in Berkeley Avenue in Reading for the homeless or where people just do not have enough money for food. There they can go and obtain breakfast/lunch and tea along with refreshments 3 days a week and on a Sunday morning.

This work is run by volunteers who cater sometimes with food donated by large chains and supplemented by donations of non-perishable food so that they can provide nutritious meals. Park URC does not seem to collect many such donations and Brian who is our representative often finds nothing in the boxes!

Can I urge you to think about this – tins of vegetables, sauce mixes, tins of meat like corned beef, anything that can be made into a meal are required as more people are using this service. Toiletries are also needed for the men who are able to have a shower there along with fresh clothing which is always required. If you wish to know more please see Gaye or Brian

East Reading Festival



The East Reading Festival this year is on Sunday 17th June, 12-6pm. You may remember that, together with other local churches, we run a Messy Church style activity tent usually covering 2 things – a story Jesus told and a miracle Jesus performed.

I wondered if you would be willing to help? If you would like to provide and run a craft, or just run a craft for an hour, or anything in between, please do let me know. I will let you know what things we are going to base it all on soon, but for now am just gauging how many helpers I am likely to have!

Carrie King

Park Prayer Week

Park is to host another 12/7 Prayer Week on 3rd-10th June, from 9am-9pm. Anyone is welcome to come and pray at any time between 9am and 9pm during those days. There will be areas for reflective prayer, for interactive prayer and for meditation. You may come on your own or in a group.



Maybe house groups, Wednesday morning prayers and other groups might like to hold their meetings in the church that week? There will be something for everyone.

If you, or a group of you would like to set up a prayer station, then please let me know as soon as possible

In order for the church prayer area to be open during these times, we need people to man it. This is not a 'task', more an opportunity for you to spend some quality time with God praying on your own or with others, but also to welcome others to the prayer area. Please let me know as soon as possible if you, or a group of you feel able to do an hour or two.

This is an exciting opportunity to welcome folk to our church, to share our sacred space with everyone, to spend some time out with God in our hectic lives, and feel unity across the world as we all act as one voice, calling out to God.

Ladies' Morning

Saturday 16 June 2018 9:30am – 11:30am We host these very popular Saturday mornings every 2-3 months, in the church at St Matthew's.

Open to all women so please invite your friends! We start with a chance to chat over a delicious hot and cold buffet breakfast, followed by contemporary worship and a guest speaker. There is also an opportunity to receive prayer at the end. We offer these mornings free of charge to ensure that everyone can come, but we invite a donation to cover the cost of the breakfast. St Matthews Church, 205 Southcote Lane, Reading, RG30 3AX

some feedback on an excellent Lent Course...

Lent Course 2018

I thoroughly enjoyed the Lent Course again this year when we studied "A Beautiful Friendship" based on the film "Casablanca".

The Course is a way of getting to know people really well. Even though many of us meet up at least once a week, I am amazed at how much there is still to find out about the people I have known for quite a while and some for over 30 years.

Week 3 especially stood out to me this year when we were asked to either think or write down what had led us to being at the Lent Course, in the Lounge at Park Church, at that exact moment.

I realised that through my life's journey of ups and downs, God was (and still is) with me and led me to Park Church where I have made lots of wonderful friends and where I feel secure and loved within the Church family.

I have attended the Lent Course for the last few years and this inspired me to join a House Group.

Julia Marsh

Lent Course 2018

This was my first lent study group and the first time I had seen 'Casablanca' in full.

The group discussed the ethics of the film: treatment of displaced peoples, corruption, lost love and sacrifice. It is pertinent to the Easter story and Christ's sufferings.

The group was thought provoking and a worthwhile experience.

Steven



Casablanca - our Lenten Study 2018

During Monday evenings in Lent a group of us met in the Upper Room at Park Church to take part in this year's Lenten Study of the Bible. It was based on the classic film "Casablanca", starring Ingrid Bergmann & Humphrey Bogart. This film, shot in monochrome, was set in the dark days of World War 2, of which the outcome was very uncertain then.

Over the five meetings the film was viewed in its entirety before being broken down into segments for study. These were studied interwoven with passages from both Old & New Testaments of the Bible. Psalm 137 was visited on a number of occasions. Insights were usefully gained from reading from different versions of the Bible.

The themes of uncertainty, refugees, waiting, rejection, loss & anger were gradually followed by seeing the wider picture more clearly leading to re-appraisal, forgiveness, love & sacrifice. These themes followed our readings from the Bible, showing how Our Lord Jesus suffered & was tempted during his 40 days & nights in the wilderness.

The book used was entitled "A Beautiful Friendship", written by Paul Karenza & Zoe Young, a Christian husband & wife team. The book itself, apart from its guidance through the Lenten period, is a good read.

Many thought provoking comments & discussion points arose during these sessions. In some parts very sombre with periods of silence but with some moments of humour. Apparently, the actor playing Sam, the pianist who played the well-known song "As Time Goes By" was actually a drummer & could hardly play a note!

Many thanks are due to Roger & Carrie who organised this series which led us all neatly into the events of Holy Week – culminating in the Glory of Our Risen Lord Jesus.

Geoff Cornell

A Beautiful Friendship

"What did you give up for lent?" A friend asked me. Initially, my answer was, "Nothing!" because I do not crave chocolate, and there wasn't anything significant that I'd miss.

Then I realised that I had given up my time to learn more about God.

That was a much better answer! Intrigue also led me to do this course because I wondered, 'how could watching *Casablanca*, direct me along my spiritual journey?'

Loving classic movies, I thought that I had watched *Casablanca* before, but it was soon evident that I hadn't. Never-the-less, I was transported into 1938 with the beautiful costumes and the amazing cinematography and plot.

One after another, iconic songs added to the nostalgia, which was enhanced by Gaye singing along and all of us tapping our feet.

To set the scene Rick is played by Humphrey Bogart and Ilsa by Ingrid Bergman and *Casablanca* is a wilderness sandwiched between sand and sea. People are flocking to Ricks bar for a way out to America, for comfort, for guidance.

This classic movie provided a great basis for discussion in smaller groups on themes of sacrifice, suffering, repentance and loss and hope during the Lent period. The movie, set in Second World War, was poignant to say the least, while we are surrounded by conflict in our world today.

The wilderness was a significant discussion for me as our faith has a heritage of wildernesses, such as the Israelites following Moses through the desert, the story of Cain and Able and Jesus going there at the beginning of his ministry, enables us to see the similarities between physical and spiritual wasteland.

During the session, it was appropriate to ponder on those times when we've experienced '*waiting in the wilderness*' Whether it was climbing Dune 7 in Namibia, in a room full of people and feeling alone or being in our own spiritual desert.

Many of us have experienced our own physical or spiritual wilderness and it was refreshing, to hear that He is there comforting us in our waiting.

I gained so much knowledge and insight, from the small group discussions, which were clearly lead and easy to follow from the book. It really helped me to read the directed bit at home and ponder on it during the week before the next session.

I was surprised to hear the number of people saying that they had never watched *Casablanca* before! A movie well worth watching and maybe you could follow it by reading, *A Beautiful Friendship* yourselves!

Funny enough, with my education background, I had set myself outcomes from the course which had success criteria! But, through the lent course

something happened within me. It wasn't about my outcomes...but Gods outcomes. I feel at times that I've been in the wilderness waiting, often very impatiently. Experiencing stillness, waiting with patience and hearing his quite voice was what I gained. So simple!

Overall, a Five Star Recommendation, for the lent course.

Judith Enang

Lakeside Songs of Praise Dates for 2018

- Wednesday 16th May
- Wednesday 27th June (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 11th July
- August date (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 12th September
- Wednesday 17th October
- Wednesday 14th November
- Wednesday 12th December

Everyone is welcome to join us at Lakeside Care Home for these Songs of Praise Services from 2.30 – 3.30 pm. Please sign in at the Care Home reception desk on arrival.

Julia Marsh

DRAPES Murder Mystery: The Great British Bump Off

On Saturday 10th March we were treated to a wonderful night of entertainment from our fantastic 'DRAPES' group.

The venue itself looked great – the tables were well laid out and looked great with the cupcake centre pieces.

The format was slightly different to last year – we were treated to an amazing choice of hot food for our main meal, with dessert and refreshments being shown during the subsequent intervals, and it worked well. Those in the kitchen did a fantastic job looking after us all, without barely seeing much of the performance themselves - thank you so much for all your hard work.

The play was set in the fictitious sleepy village of Crabblebottom with two different stage settings, the village hall and Edwardo D'Angelo's House. I do not wish to give the plot away (should those who missed the show be lucky to see this story in the future), yet I can say it was cleverly written and kept us all guessing right up to the end.

Our own Simon King did a great job directing the performance.

John Alderslade showcased his amazing multi-linguistic talents playing the one and only Edwardo, an Italian 'wannabe' Paul Hollywood and his comedy timing was spot on! Issy told her daddy the next day "Daddy, Cameron's daddy was speaking Italian but I could understand EVERYTHING he was saying" (brilliant!).

The acting from everyone concerned was really good and we all enjoyed the 'Questions and Answers' segment at the end.

To top it all off, Judith has informed me we managed to raise £500 for the church! I for one cannot wait for the next one!

Becky Jemmott

Taize Pilgrimage 2018

Sun 26th August to Sun 2nd September 2018

Every year thousands of young people from all over the world travel to Taizé and stay for a week, entering into the rhythm of community life—gathering together for Taizé's unique worship and joining with people of other countries for meetings, Bible study, discussions, prayer, meals, workshops, practical tasks and relaxation.

Taize is a place where you can belong before you believe, where belief is not prescribed but there is space and openness to explore your own faith journey.

Why come to Taizé? Thousands of young people come from around the world come to Taize – there is something that draws them. The simple beauty of the prayers with silence and singing. The fun of meeting people from around the world and living and working together. The chance to share in open ended discussions about the bible, prayer, making the world a better place!

Taize is a place that touches people, that changes people, there is an openness that enables people to belong whatever their background.

Practical stuff! Getting there & cost. You will be travelling by Eurostar and TGV leaving early on Sunday morning. The Pastoral Assistant from St Michael's Priory will accompany you, Ruth will meet the group in Taize.

The cost for the train should be no more than around £175 but it will depend on booking the train 4 months ahead. The Taize community simply asks for a donation for food and accommodation of around £45. The total will therefore be NO MORE THAN £250 for the week

Check out the Taize website for more information: www.taize.fr

For more information contact:

Rev. Ruth Maxey: mkcommunityministry@gmail.com or 07791901467 or come to the Information evening on Wednesday 14th March 7pm at St Michael's Priory

The Open Doors World Watch List

The Open Doors World in-depth record of the 50 where it is most difficult to live



OpenDoors

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

Watch List is an countries as a

Christian. These are the places where followers of Christ must keep their beliefs hidden and where living the gospel means facing beatings, imprisonment, discrimination and abuse.

For the fifth year in a row, the level of overall persecution has risen. North Korea remains number one on the list – but only just. Afghanistan is only one point below it. India – the world’s largest democracy – has risen to its highest ever position of 11, as Hindu nationalists continue to attack other religious minorities. Islamic extremism continues to strangle the expression of the Christian faith, fuelling persecution in eight out of the top ten countries.

Rounding out the top 10, following North Korea and Afghanistan, are Somalia (No. 3), Sudan (No. 4), Pakistan (No. 5), Eritrea (No. 6), Libya (No. 7), Iraq (No. 8), Yemen (No. 9), and Iran (No. 10). It’s not a coincidence that all of these countries—except North Korea and Eritrea—are predominately Muslim.

In fact, “Islamic extremism remains the global, dominant driver of persecution, responsible for initiating oppression and conflict in 35 of the 50 countries on the list,” Open Doors stated.

“The Islamist movement manifests itself in Muslim-majority countries by trying to radicalize society, and in Muslim-minority countries by radicalizing Muslim communities,” Open Doors stated. One example: “Every day six women are raped, sexually harassed, or forced into marriage to a Muslim under threat of death due to their Christian faith,” Open Doors reported.

This number is likely low, since it includes only reported incidents. It also points to the double persecution—for both their gender and religion—that Christian women face in much of the world.

Open Doors

Christian Aid Week 2018



Christian Aid Week takes place this year from 13th to 19th May and the main focus is on the plight of the people of Haiti. This is the poorest country in the Caribbean. If you remember this island was devastated by a violent hurricane in 2016 leaving families homeless. Even now families are still living in desperate conditions, often without shelter.

I have gathered from most of the regular collectors, that the annual house-to-house collections have become increasingly less popular, both with the public and collectors; also bearing in mind that certain areas do not allow 'cold calling'. Therefore it seems wiser to look at alternatives.

So this year I applied to Wokingham Borough Council Licensing Department for permission to collect in a public area. Permission has been given to collect in the Woodley Precinct on Saturday 19th of May, of Christian Aid Week.

We are looking for volunteers to collect in the Precinct. We will need several people at a time to cover strategic places. If anyone can give an hour or so to collect please contact me, either at Church or via email (candy411@btinternet.com). I will be delighted to hear from you.

I certainly appreciate that we are always asking members to give money for church funds. As a result other important causes can get put to one side. However, there will also be envelopes in Church for those who wish to donate to support this charity which is central to our Christian values.

Chris Gayford

Church Camp

On a rather wet April afternoon I am about warm summer days and our church camp which is being held at Whitemark Watlington from 22nd to 24th June.



thinking
family
Farm,

Whitemark Farm is a lovely campsite set in the hills with the most amazing views around the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, and lots of Red Kites soaring overhead. We have camped here on a number of occasions and it works really well for us.

During the weekend there will plenty of opportunity for playing games, having an ice cream in the village, taking a walk, chatting over (numerous) mugs of tea and coffee (... and maybe something a little stronger too!) a barbecue on Saturday evening, campfire and songs, and worship in the open air on Sunday.

Please contact Helen if you would like to join us, and don't worry if you haven't got equipment or never camped before, we will help you out. The costs per night are £8 per adult, £4 4-15 year olds, £2 under 5's.

Day visitors are most welcome to join us at a cost of £1 per person.

If you have any questions please catch me at church or email helenj.durrant@gmail.com,. Hope to see you there.

Helen

Talent Scheme - Table-top Sale

I know that a lot of thought has been going on about ways in which we can raise money through the Talent Scheme. Since we are combining the plant sale and coffee morning with a table-top sale on the 9th of June, I would like to offer the opportunity for a joint table top where anyone with only one or two unwanted but good condition saleable items can be offered for sale.

In this way I will be willing to run a table, maybe even two tables, if there are enough items. Now that spring is upon us it is probably a good time to turn out some cupboards and unearth some forgotten treasures, perhaps some unwanted gifts.

If you think that you have any saleable items that you can let me have please let me know, either in Church or via email.

Talent Scheme - Crunchy-topped Lemon Cake

For my part in the Talent Scheme I am taking orders for Crunch-topped Lemon Cake. For £3 I will make your cake for whenever suits you – just contact me and I will be happy to make one!

Helen

Talent Scheme - Gaye's Bakes

Have you someone coming to tea? Do you wish to give a cake to someone? Do you just fancy a homemade cake?

Gaye can bake cakes to order. Speciality real cream Victoria Sandwich cake; Fruit cake; Coffee cake; Marble cake; Chocolate cake; etc.

All homemade at mutually convenient time. Just ask!

Gaye

Talent Scheme - Novelty Cakes

I am planning to offer Novelty Cakes, made to order, as my contribution to the Talent Scheme.

Contact me on email: pamjbooth@yahoo.co.uk

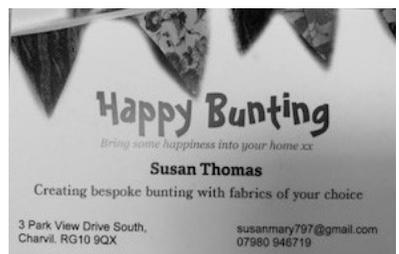
Pam Booth

Talent Scheme - Customised Bunting

Perhaps you have some left over garments or fabrics that mean something special to you?

Stuff that's sentimental and that is not going anywhere could become something that gives pleasure and cheers up a room.

I will be able to take orders for personalised bunting or I could also create cushions or other items if required.



Susan Thomas

Talent Scheme - Mary Jones Walk Update

Sally and Carrie have set the date for their walk – 31st August – 2nd September!

Some serious training is underway so that we will be able to walk 6 miles on the Friday, 17 miles on the Saturday, and 6 miles on the Sunday. This week we have achieved two 8 mile walks so we're building up our stamina! No blisters yet, but we have found a jelly baby every mile does the trick for keeping you going!

Don't forget you can sponsor us any amount, or you can donate £5 and give us your favourite Bible verse(s) which we promise to carry with us and read and reflect on during our hike.

Sally & Carrie

Update on Visiting Preachers during Vacancy

Please see below the updated list for the next two months. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out so far, put their name down for the future or has come forward with suggestions.

- 6th May: Rev Sue Cossey
- 13th May: Roger Clark
- 20th May: Rev Alan Holmes
- 27th May: Nomad House Group
- 3rd June: Rev Gordon Connell
- 10th June: Carrie King & Sally Street
- 17th June: Libby Hawkness-Smith
- 24th June: Rev Judith Wheatley

We are still doing quite well but, bearing in mind we have been in vacancy for about 9 months, it has now become a little more difficult to fill the slots.

I am pleased to say that we have preachers in place until the end of July but we have no-one for August at the moment and there are plenty of empty slots for the rest of the year..

If you would like to lead a service or be involved in any way, or know of anyone else who might be interested to help, then please speak to Roger or me.

Thank you.

Julia Marsh

God's love is Unfailing

God loves you. Personally. Powerfully. Passionately! God loves you with an unfailing love. And his love—if you let it—can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving!

Could it be that the first step of love is not toward them but toward him? Could it be that the secret to loving is receiving?

You give love by first receiving it. "We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19 NASB). Long to be more loving? Begin by accepting your place as a dearly loved child. "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us" (Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV).

We need help from an outside source. A transfusion. Would we love as God loves?

Then we start by receiving God's love.

From **Max Lucado 'A Love Worth Giving'**

Crossfire Youth Camp

Friday 25th May – Monday 28th May
Crossfire is an exciting event for young
in the URC aged 12+.



We meet together each May to explore more about faith in Jesus Christ through small groups, teaching, worship and a whole range of fun activities.

Join us in 2018 for a great weekend of fun, meeting new people and exploring the gospel. To find out more and view our promo video visit www.crossfirecamp.org.uk

Cost: £40 per person, tent hire from £5

Location: Stathern Lodge, Leicestershire, LE14 4EX

Accommodation: Camping



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Our church website is updated regularly and has details of the many activities of the Church. You will also find some of the charities that we support.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ParkURC?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Regular Activities at Park

Sunday	10.30 am	Worship Young people's groups & Crèche facilities Holy Communion (1 st Sunday)
	1.00pm	International Believers Church
	3.00 pm	Messy Church (1 st Sunday of the Month)
	3.45 pm	Newlife Celebration Tamil Church
	6.30 pm	Ignite Coffee & Cakes (in term-time)
	7:00 pm	Ignite Worship(in term-time)
Monday	Various	Read Dance & Theatre College
	9.30 am	Park Mother & Toddlers Group
	10.00 am	Happy Feet Footcare (every 6 weeks)
	5.15 pm	Beaver Scouts
	6.45 pm	Cub Scouts
7.30 pm	Housegroup	
Tuesday	Various	Read Dance & Theatre College
	10.30 am	Fitness Pilates
	1.00 pm	Cranberry College (Sept-Mar term time)
	2.15 pm	Friendship Club
	2:00 pm	Reading U3A Yoga (every 2 weeks)
	7:30 pm	Earley Folk Dancing
	7.30 pm	Badminton Club (Sept – March)
	7.30 pm	Housegroup
8.15 pm	Aldbrickham Clog & Dance Group	
Wednesday	Various	Read Dance & Theatre College
	10.00 am	Morning Prayers
	9:30 am	Embroiderers' Guild (monthly)
	10.00 am	Park 60+ Exercise (12 noon seated session)
	12.00 pm	Reading Lunchtime Choir
	2.00 pm	Reading Macular Society (bi-monthly)
7.00 pm	Scouts	
Thursday	Various	Read Dance & Theatre College
	10.30 am	Reading MenCap
	2.00 pm	U3A Madrigal Society (every 2 weeks)
	2:00 pm	Reading Abbey Trefoil Group (4th Thurs of month)
	5:30 pm	Brownies
	5.30 pm	Rainbows
	7.15 pm	Guides
7.30 pm	Housegroup	
Friday	Various	Read Dance & Theatre College
Saturday	9.00 am	The Allenova Ballet School
	9.30am	Reading Seventh Day Adventist Community Group
	10.00	Parenthesis Choir
	4.00pm	Reading Community Gospel Choir

Park Talent Scheme 2018 Noticeboard

Coming Soon!

the 200 CD

yours for only £5!

see Rod or Tony

sponsor Sally & Carrie to read your favourite Bible verse as they walk the Mary Jones Way

Pam is planning to offer Novelty cakes, made to order

Buy one of Elizabeth's beautiful gift boxes

Why not treat yourself to one of Ruth & Alistair's local outings?

Look out for Joan's craft stall items available most Sundays

Look out for Anya's Park Pudding Recipe Book - yummy!

and there's Alan's gift cards to buy

don't forget Helen's Lemon-topped drizzle cakes - yummy!

Gaye can bake cakes to order ..all homemade

start your day with Sylvia's marmalade

...and lots more to come!