



**10.30 Rev Trevor Day
Epiphany Service**



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Next Sunday 10.00 Rev Mark Tidey

Activities in Toothill Church

Monday 10.00 – 12.00 The Hub

Monday 14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1st & 3rd Mondays

Monday 17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays

Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group

Wednesday 12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week

Thursday 10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies

Thursday 12.30 – 13.45 Bible Study in the church

Friday 10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2nd and 4th Friday

Friday 17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club

Every week

Next 15th January 2024

Every week term time only

Next 16th January 2024

Every Week

Every week

Every week (See Below)

Next 12th January 2024

Every week term time only

Important Notice

Toothill Church Open Church Meeting January 14th 2024 Following the morning service with tea and coffee. We will meet to give further consideration to the Church Committee's recommendation to accept the invitation from the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit for Toothill Church to become a Methodist Church within the Circuit solely under Methodist governance, following the dissolution of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership.

Welcome Space Wednesdays 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Toothill Church is open for anyone to come and meet and have a chat while keeping warm. There is: Free soup, bread and hot drinks available, and a selection of board games, Jigsaws, dominoes, crafts and adult colouring etc.

Christmas Services offerings to Charities.

Toothill Church

The Christmas giving (across four services) amounted to £272.95 which is a marvellous result. I have added £27.05 from our funds to make a total of £300. Split between Swindon Women's Aid and Action for Children would see them each receive £150.

St Mary's.

This year Christmas services, attended by members of the Partnership at St Marys raised over £1000 pounds for the Harbour Project and Katikamu Sembale Primary School.

With thanks

Clive.

Bible Study Thursday afternoons 12.30 – 13.45

The series includes discussion, activity and colouring.

8 Blessed Are the Pure in Heart - 11 Jan

9 Blessed Are the Peacemakers - 18 Jan

10 Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted - 25 Jan

11 Blessed Are You When - 1 Feb

12 Coming Down the Mountain - 8 Feb

Dates may need to be flexed, but the objective is to complete the sessions before Lent 24.

Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying.

Don't forget that it is also helpful to receive updates about those being prayed for and to know when things have improved.

Please pray for: Alan (Emma's brother-in-law) Diana, Eileen and Tony Hendry, Emma's friend Kate Storer having completed a round of Chemotherapy, Ruth's brother James Horton, Carly and all the Burns family, Steph, a friend of Sarah's, Debbie, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Sarah, Hazel, and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We also pray for

Rev Gerald England who broke his hip and had it replaced last Friday 8th December)

Bishop Lee Rayfield diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's.

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph,

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Welcome Space in our churches,

Our home congregation,

The continuing work with children, Hazelwood Academy, young people and families in West Swindon.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges as we continually give thanks for his great Love and Faithfulness.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included <https://devotions.unc.org.uk/> By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day.

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 0566 8938 Passcode: 6pPH0J



News From the URC

The Reform magazine team has launched a new series of the United Reformed Church podcast.

Presented by Stephen Tomkins, Editor of Reform magazine, and Ann-Marie Nye, URC Communications Officer and Digest Editor, the podcast is available on Spotify, all major podcast streaming platforms, or wherever you get your podcasts. In the first episode of the new series, we ask "Will the Church Life Review change the URC?". [Listen to and follow The United Reformed Church Podcast.](#)

January 2024 services

Sunday 21st 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribiero
Sunday 28th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey

February Services

Sunday 4th **No Service at Toothill Church - Covenant Service 10.30 at Holy Trinity Shaw led by Jonathan Pye.**
Sunday 11th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey and Deacon Som Okonkwo - Holy Communion.
Weds 14th 11.00 Rev Mark Tidey Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday 18th 10.30 Rev Joseph Ribeiro
Weds 21st 11.00 Midweek Lent Communion Service
Sunday 25th 10.30 Rev Mark Tidey
Weds 28th 11.00 Midweek lent Communion Service

Peace begins with a smile – Jess



What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Why did the woman start making breakfast at 11:59 p.m. on December 31?

She wanted a New Year's toast.

Why should you stand on one leg on New Year's Eve?
 My New Year's resolution was to stay out of shape.

To start the new year on the right foot.
 Maybe I won't stick to this one either.

Toothill Church Website *Toothill Church is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership. We work with members at Westlea School, Holy Trinity Shaw, and St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze. Our members come from all denominations, or none, but we work closely with and come under the jurisdiction of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, United Reformed Church, and Methodist.*





West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership
Holy Trinity + St Mary's + Toothill + Westlea

To all Partnership Churches,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:3).

IMPORTANT NOTICE – NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

In recent weeks it has become clear that it will not be possible for the Church of England or Toothill Church to either purchase or rent the Toothill Church building from the Methodist Church (Toothill Church is a Methodist Foundation and the building has always belonged to the Methodist Church).

In the light of that the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit have extended an invitation to Toothill Church to become a Methodist Church, solely under Methodist governance, within the circuit. Reverend Shirlyn Toppin, Circuit Superintendent Minister, recognises the value of maintaining worship and outreach within the Toothill Community, and is keen to support its future growth.

At a recent meeting Toothill Church Committee gave prayerful consideration to the invitation. We saw continued worship, outreach and the growth of God's Kingdom in West Swindon, as top priorities going forward. Based on that the Committee made the following recommendation to the Toothill Church family following worship on Sunday December 3rd.

The Upper Thames Methodist Circuit have extended an invitation to Toothill Church to become a Methodist Church, solely under Methodist governance, within the circuit. The Church Committee recommends acceptance of the invitation. We will give formal notice of an open church meeting to be held in January, to give our full consideration to the invitation and ensure all our folk have the opportunity to be heard. The Church Committee will meet after the open meeting and issue a statement of intent. How we work with former partners will be discussed later. The Anglican ministers currently based at Toothill will still be licensed to West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze.

Westlea continue to explore their options for going forward and hope to have greater clarity by their AGM next March.

Due to these developments, and further conversations with the denominations, it is possible that the Partnership could dissolve towards the end of 2024. Whenever it comes the Executive, and Clive particularly, hope that the ending will be a good one, and that is what we are praying for and working towards.

Linda Nicholas and Rachel Dowling are supporting the Executive with the administration of specific tasks related to the ending of the Partnership.

The Partnership Council Meeting on January 25th at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed) will be an open meeting. We ask all church leadership teams to be present, and invite everyone, as this will be an opportunity to be updated on the very latest developments.

Rev Captain Clive Deverell, Mark Dowling, Wendy Dukes, Neema Mariya, Chris Scarisbrick,
Rev Mark Tidey.

Partnership Executive.