

## Church Diary for November

### Larks Bible Study

Tuesday 1st 10.15am

### Elders Meeting

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

### Church meeting

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

### Quiz night

Friday 11th 7pm

### Owls Discussion Evening

Heather Redington from the Swindon Harbour project talking about the activities of the Project. Please everyone come along and bring your friends.  
Thursday 17th November 7.30pm in the Church Hall

### Emmanuel URC Quiz Night

Friday 18th Emmanuel URC, High Street, Hayden Wick, SN25 1HU

### Badminton in the hall

Friday 26th evening



**Hive Coffee Club** for parents, carers, and babies and toddlers, meets  
Thursday mornings, 9:30 till 12.

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## Royal Wootton Bassett United Reformed Church November 2016 Newsletter



## Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

6 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Sarah Simpson including Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Tom MacMeekin
20 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Osman
27 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Pastorate Service at Malmesbury URC (no service at RWB)

## Remembering

Holy God

we thank you that you have chosen to be involved in our world,  
rather than be some remote deity who controls life from afar.  
Help us to remember our world today.

We grieve with you for the loss,  
and injury to children, women and men  
caught up in conflict throughout the world.  
We remember all who have made sacrifices  
so that we may live in peace and freedom,  
just as you offered your Son  
as the ultimate sacrifice for all people of every race and nation.

Help us in our remembering not to dwell on the past  
but always look to the future,  
May our remembering compel us to act  
compassionately for victims of violence,  
justly towards the perpetrators of conflict,  
as peacemakers with divided families and communities,  
towards reconciliation in our relationships.

Holy God,  
help us to remember  
and in remembering  
commit ourselves to your shalom.



**Our musical evening** in October began with some of Alison Lynne's young students on piano and violin. Then Merrifolk's 'folk trail' got us clapping along. The interval brought coffee and a superb variety of cakes. Then our six string players in ensemble, solo and duet, with piano accompanists took us from Bach through other classics. A great evening.



Remembering, on front page, written by Janet Lees, from Shining Faces, URC Prayer Handbook 2000-2001

### Rotas for November

	Church Flowers	Welcome	Vestry	Readings	Tea
6 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret	Elizabeth	Jenny	Ron, Margaret	Joy, Andrew
13 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth	Richard	Jack	Joy, Andrew	Jack, Isobel
20 <sup>th</sup>	Eileen	Jack	Fiona	Jenny, Richard	Eileen, Elizabeth
27 <sup>th</sup>		Advent service at Malmesbury URC			

Confused about immigration? Fed up with the negative headlines? You're not alone!

## THE HARBOUR PROJECT

At our Owls discussion evening in November we are pleased to have Heather Redington from the Harbour project talking about the activities of the Harbour Project.

"We aid refugees and asylum seekers across Swindon. We give friendship, advice and hope. We are The Harbour Project."

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in the Church Hall  
Please everyone come along and bring your friends.

### Swindon Symphony Orchestra celebrates Swindon 175

19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Steam Railway Museum  
Church members will be supporting Nicky playing in this concert of favourites including John Williams' Harry Potter and Star Wars Suites

### Christmas cards

As last year we will all sign a big Christmas card and not expect individual cards to each other. We can choose to make a donation to charity instead of buying cards.

### Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight - Choosing a Charity

Elders would like suggestions for the charity to which to donate the collection at the Carol Service.