



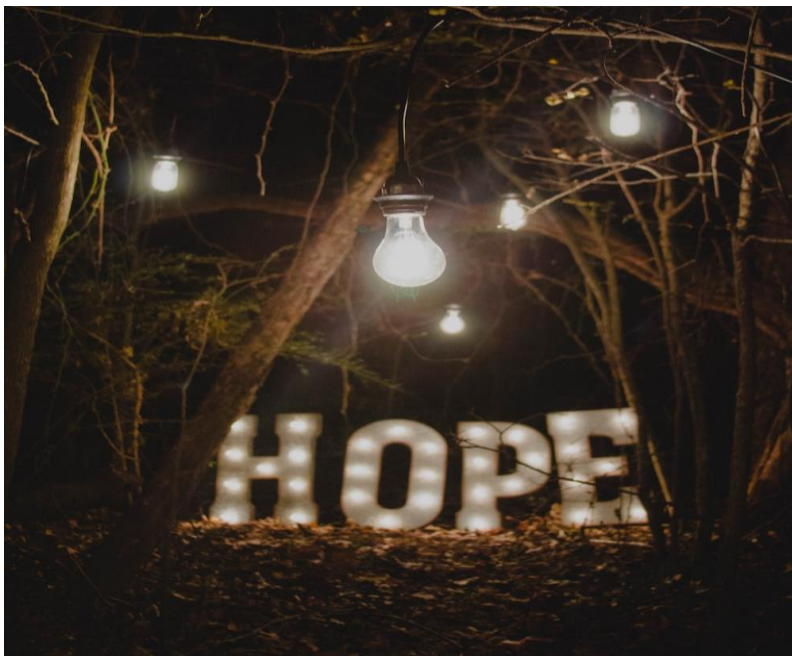
St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 16th October 2022



Persist in Hope

Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

Today's service is being led by: **Fran Boto**
The Organ is played by: **Pam Vaughn**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Lighting the peace candle

Call to Worship:

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness R&S 96

Prayer of Approach, confession and Words of Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer



Love and Hope in a box Video

Song: Jesus' love is very wonderful

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
O, wonderful love.
So high you can't get over it
So low you can't get under it
So wide you can't get round it. O, wonderful love!

Blessing of boxes/ and or young people



Bible readings;

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Luke 18 :1-8

Hymn: A covenant of gladness by John Campbell: Tune in 566 of R&S

A covenant of gladness
inscribed on ev'ry heart,
where love impels each action
and each must play their part;
an end to bald betrayal,
to laws left quite ignored,
as God reclaims a people,
embraced, forgiv'n restored.

The prophet Jeremiah
had watched as, day by day,

God's covenant was trampled
and selfishness held sway,
but God would not be beaten,
left angry or disdained;
despite our devastation
God joyously proclaimed:

This covenant of gladness
inscribed on every heart,
where love impels each action
and each must play their part;
a vibrant new beginning,
the grace of God set free
to overcome our failure,
and rescue you and me.

Sermon: Persist in Hope

Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy R&S 353

Activity to respond to sermon

Prayers for others

Offertory and Prayer of dedication

Hymn Living Justice by William Whitla

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, Strike down the iron power,
Abolish ancient vengeance; Proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us peace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together, knit our lives as they are spun;
On your loom of time enroll us 'til our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind Church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your
sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language, we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams;
our love in hand of neighbour, our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice, your way, the path untried;
your truth, the heart of stranger, your life, the Crucified.

Blessing and Dismissal

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

Prayer Time Fridays at 6-6.30pm 'Zoom' ID: 845 5391 2820.

Also open to pray for peace – Tuesdays 12-1pm, Thursdays 5-6pm

Tuesday Guild outing to Westerham church and Knights Garden Centre — *leave church at 10.20, all welcome but please confirm with Christine to fix transport*

Beetle Drive – Now on 12th November 7-9pm – *only £3.*

Tickets from Cathy Heath or Sue, if you have already got tickets from the postponed event please put this new date in the diary. Raising funds and donations for the showbox appeal.

Pizza party – 5th November - *International Needs (a Selsdon charity) are hosting a Pizza party at Oak Hall church in Caterham on 5th November to raise funds for classrooms for refugees - see the corridor poster*

Book Club in November *will be meeting at Coach House Café Coombe Woods from 12.30 -2pm on Thursday 10th to discuss Strait is the Gate by Andre Gide*

The Minister - *Martin is away in Iona this week, back on 22nd*

Next Sunday – *We welcome back Albert and Elizabeth Wood who will be leading worship*

For future events and activities please see our website

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