

Upton United Reformed Church

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God's Love is for All
Our Mission is to Show it,
Share it, Live it
March 2026



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We are now in the season of Lent.

A time that reflects the forty days and nights that Jesus wandered in the wilderness, was tempted by Satan and spent time in prayer.

May we spend time in prayer, meditation, reading the scriptures as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

Below is a lovely hymn that depicts this time.

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights,
Tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dew drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about thy way;
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrow share
And from earthly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Thou his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear;
At the eternal Eastertide.

Written by George H. Smyttan [1822-1870]

There is beautiful modern version of this song on YouTube
sung by Engage Worship

Children's Society Boxes

Please let Linda Kershaw have your Children's Society
collection box by the end of March.

Thank you

Family news

The funeral of Jean Collyer took place on 5th February. Jean had been a member of the church for very many years. She was known to so many for her kindness as well as her skills at organising everyone with care.

Jean's family have been in touch to express their gratitude to the church for our kindness in helping make Jean's thanksgiving service such a success. They are grateful for the time and trouble taken by the church to ensure everything ran smoothly. They concluded that Jean greatly enjoyed the fellowship at church and wish us every blessing for the future.

The funeral of Bob Cole, who was a regular member of the congregation and its activities for some time, was held on 16st February.

Marian and the family wanted to thank the church for all the support given in recent weeks.

World Day of Prayer 2026

A service for everyone

“I beg you, bear with one another in love”

You are invited to join us for a service
at Upton United Reformed Church
on Heath Road

on Friday 6th March at 10:30 am

Tea and cakes will be served after the
service

Informed prayer, prayerful action

**24/7 ● 365 days a year ● prayer
movement ● Ecumenical International ●
women-led**

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Easter Services

Mar 29	Palm Sunday	10.30 am	Upton URC
Apr 2	Maundy Thursday	7.00 pm	Caldy Valley
Apr 3	Good Friday	10.00am	Hoole URC
Apr 5	Easter Sunday	10.30am	Upton URC

Palm Sunday – 29 March

Please bring along donations of Easter Eggs and Easter treats which will be donated to Foodbank and Save the Family.

Lent Lunch

There will be a Lent lunch at Upton URC
on Thursday 19th March at 12.30 pm

You are invited to come and enjoy a bite to eat
and to share fellowship with others.

The Youth Club needs your Help

If you have any wool, crochet hooks and simple crochet patterns, and would like to pass them on to The Heath Youth Club, they would be very grateful.



Copy date for the April newsletter is

15th March 2026

Contributions to Margaret Hainsworth, please

Church Diary March 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service/Meeting</u>
Sun	1	10.30 am	Rev Anthea Wickens
Mon	2	10.00 am	Men's Monday Meeting
Tues	3	2.00 pm	Friendship Group – Dominoes
Wed			
Thurs	5	10.00 am	Thursday Ladies Group – Quiz
Fri	6	10.30 am	World Day of Prayer Service at Upton URC
Sat	7		
Sun	8	10.30 am	Rev Gordon Welch
Mon	9	10.00 am	Men's Monday Meeting
Tues	10	10.00 am	New Tuesday Group
Wed	11		
Thurs	12	10.00 am	Community Coffee Morning
Fri	13		
Sat	14		
Sun	15	10.30 am	Mrs Marg Robinson
Mon	16	10.00 am	Men's Monday Meeting

Tues	17	2.00 pm	Friendship Group - Quiz
Wed	18		
Thurs	19	10.00 am 12.30 pm	Thursday Ladies Group – Coffee at the golf club Food ‘n’ Fun - Lent lunch
Fri	20		
Sat	21		
Sun	22	10.30 am	Rev Ron Reid
Mon	23	10.00 am	Men’s Monday Meeting
Tues	24	10.00 am	New Tuesday Group
Wed	25		
Thurs	26	10.00 am	Community Coffee Morning
Fri	27		
Sat	28		
Sun	29	10.30 am	Ms H Bennett on Palm Sunday
Mon	30		
Tues	31	2.00 pm	Friendship Group – Easter Worship

Farndon & District Brass Band

Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7.30pm

at Upton URC, Heath Road, Upton CH2 1HX

Admission £10

Extracts from “Unity through Prayer”

A Prayer Diary for the Churches in Upton

- 1 March Pray for the residents of Kingsway West, Rutland Place and Kent Road.
For the Growth Groups, Bible Study Group and Nurturing groups.
For a deepening of faith and awareness of Christ in us all.
- 8 March Pray for the residents of Kelvin Grove, Western Approach and Thirlmere Road.
For a greater compassion for those who feel marginalised in our society.
For a deeper unity between the churches.
- 15 March Pray for the residents of Newton Park Road, Kennedy Close and Sandon Road.
For Upton Village Surgery. For Doctors, Nurses, Health Visitors in our community.
- 22 March Pray for the residents of Broadway West, Totland Grove and Derwent Road.
For the Zoo and all who work there. For a deeper awareness of our environment.
- 29 March Pray for the residents of Kingsway, Dickson’s Drive and Brookfield Drive.
For Worship Groups and all who plan services. For our worship that it is vibrant, spiritual and prayerful.

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March 1	John Hainsworth
March 8	Keith Reading
March 15	Niall Ormerod
March 22	John Hainsworth
March 29	Phil Mason
April 5	Keith Reading
April 12	Niall Ormerod
April 19	Phil Mason
April 26	John Hainsworth



Flower Rota

March 1	Janet Cliff
March 8	Leslie Parry
March 15	Gillian Moore
March 22	Carole Mellor
March 29	Keith Jennerway
April 5	Flower Box – Easter Sunday
April 12	Beryl Frost
April 19	Susan and Keith Reading
April 26	Sheila Dunbar



We are in a vacancy at the moment.

Please contact Church Secretary, Carole Mellor, for any enquiries

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