

August & September
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Central United Reformed Church Derby Magazine

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Cinema at Central presents:



On Saturday 23rd August 2025 Cinema at Central is presenting Mamma Mia: Sing-along.

Doors open: 1:30pm

Film starts: 2:00pm

No interval during the showing

Refreshments:

- Popcorn will be available during the film
- Nibbles and cake available during the film
- Soft drink available during the film
- Bring your own bottle

Tickets: £5

We cannot wait to see
you there!

You are invited to
dress up for this
occasion if you wish
to do so.

Mamma MIA

23rd August: 2 pm, a whole audience with singing, dancing, and our guests have a lovely time and lots and lots of FUN!!

Social Responsibility update:

For the last year, we have been raising funds through our Pots collections and various activities, including coffee mornings and Monica's marvellous cake sale. (537.70)

We are thrilled to announce that £1,772.84 has been raised for Derby City Life Links, which is a mental health charity, do fantastic work with individuals and groups of people needing support.

The cheque will be presented on Sunday, 7th September, during our morning service. Please come along and hear a bit more about the work they do.

Our local charities for next year will be Children First and Derby Kids Camp.

Dear Friends,

August sometimes feels just a quiet, almost “dead” month; no one is busy, and nothing much happens. A time of recharging. Then, in September, everything picks up; schools reopen, activities begin again, and the autumn colours start to be glorious.

I have reflected that we have had sad times for some and joyful times for others. Life has been a very bumpy road for me sometimes.

We had Peter join us as his membership was transferred from Birmingham. Michael, who grew up in our junior church and is now a young man, has taken on responsibilities within the church family and has chosen to become a church member. God is good! We rejoice with them and pray for them.

SWDAP: Our five churches hold regular meetings, where church secretaries collaborate on ideas for events to promote our ministry in Derbyshire. The latest news and pictures are featured in the 4th Newsletter, which can be viewed in our churches.

Time passes and makes us realise that time is precious. We went in July to a service at Ashbourne Road to celebrate their 30 years as an LEP (Local Area Partnership) with the Methodist Church.

I was aware that we will be celebrating 50 years at Central URC next year, in October 2026, and all the families who have worshipped with us over the years. Keep the first Sunday in October 2026 free to share and celebrate with us.

I again appreciate and give thanks to all who use our building, including our tenants, the Street Pastors, Central Musical Theatre, all the U3A groups, Tuesday Tots, the 3Fs and those who come in for Friday coffee. We want to continue to work for our church and community; to share and to demonstrate the love of Christ to all we meet and offer his peace.

Christine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monica's Open Day was a resounding successful summer day for delicious cakes, chatting and everyone giving generously for our last fund raiser for Derby City Life Links which raised £537.70. Thanks to Monica and her helpers giving all your baking time and washing up and clearing up time. You were all superb!!

On July 30th, the 3Fs will be celebrating its 15th birthday. We hope to continue for many more years.

We give thanks for our volunteers who regularly give us their time and smiles to encourage and give pastoral care to our members.

A full report with pictures will appear in the next magazine.

Christine

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH PODCAST

This fortnightly series dives into conversations with the movers and shakers of the United Reformed Church, giving you a front-row seat to the latest in spiritual life and church happenings.

Join hosts Stephen Tomkins, Editor of Reform magazine, and Ann-Marie Nye, URC Communications Officer and Digest Editor, as they guide you through thought-provoking discussions that are as insightful as they are entertaining. Whether you're a longtime member of the URC or just curious, this podcast is the perfect way to stay connected.

Now in its third series, The URC Podcast is a must-listen for anyone wanting to keep their finger on the pulse of spiritual life—or just looking for some good, uplifting entertainment.

Catch the latest episode below, and don't forget to head over to our [Spotify channel](#) to hit 'follow' so you never miss an episode!



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Monday Fellowship 14 th July

The Monday Fellowship was joined by additional members to hear Kevin and Helen describing their life leading up to their marriage and Kevin's call to worship; from his plans as an accountant to a very different lifestyle as a United Reformed Church minister; from their home in Coventry to training at Mansfield college, Oxford, to various pastorates in the West Midlands.

We hope he may return to talk of his years as an army chaplain.

We then had afternoon tea in the hall with savouries and cakes arranged on our cake stands! Penny the Labrador, oversaw proceedings, hoping for treats from Christine and at least a piece of pork pie.

We give thanks to those who prepared everything for us. It made a lovely afternoon for chatting and a social time to conclude our summer programme.

Monday Fellowship resumes on Monday 8th September at 2pm.

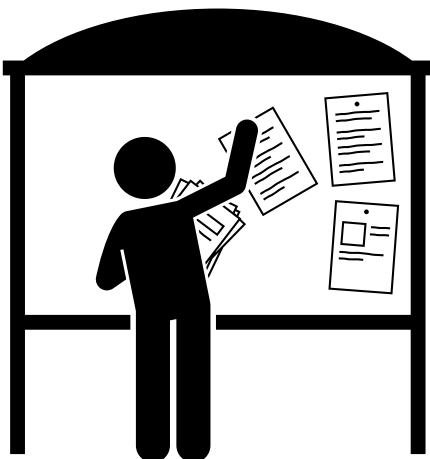
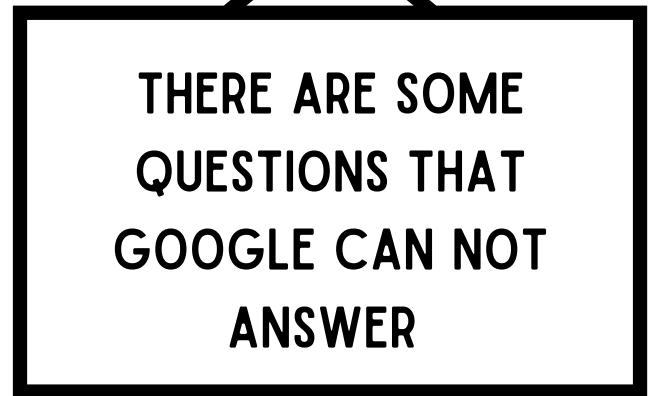
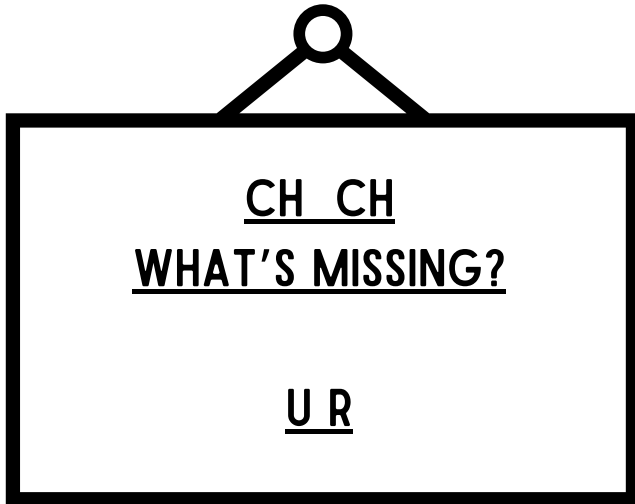
It's a mixture of speakers, quizzes, and conversations. Come along and give us a try. Christine/Cathy



AFTERNOON TEA AT MONDAY FELLOWSHIP



Some funny Church signs



CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

1. How long have you been coming to Central?
2. What first brought you to Central ?
3. Can you share a special memory of church?
4. What is your favourite hymn or worship song?
5. What is your favourite Bible verse?
6. Do you have a hobby or interest?
7. What is your favourite book?
8. What's your favourite song (none church) ?
9. What is your favourite film or tv show ?
10. If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?
11. What is your favourite food?
12. What's one thing that people might be surprised to know about you?
13. What's one thing you're passionate about?
14. Do you prefer Christmas or Easter and why?
15. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself ?

Want to answer these questions and appear next time
send in your answers to Christine



Cathy Gould

- 1. We came in October 2011**
- 2. We looked round the area for URC churches. Jim had known Rev David Downing in London. We got a lovely warm welcome and everything seemed to fit for us.**
- 3. Being in a full church in South London for a singing day led by John Bell.**
- 4. Thought long and hard on this one as there are so many but a special one is 'Come let us sing of a wonderful love'.**
- 5. Deuteronomy 33:27: "The eternal God is your dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms."**
- 6. I love reading, singing in my local community choir and, as a Yorkshire girl, watching cricket.**
- 7. This was hard. As a 7-year-old, I read Enid Blyton's "Land of Far Beyond", a child's version of A Pilgrim's Progress and have never forgotten it.**
- 8. Ooh hard again, I was a teenager in the 60s. Perhaps "Those were the Days" by Mary Hopkin takes me back to college days.**
- 9. I'm a massive Sound of Music fan but I also love "Empire of the Sun"**
- 10. Either back to Rome or back to South Africa**
- 11. I'm a strange person. My favourite food is a lettuce, fresh mint and parsley sandwich.**
- 12. I'm really quite lazy and put off jobs, oh and I also hate learning to use new gadgets.**
- 13 I'm passionate about speaking out for those who haven't a voice, being alongside those who need an advocate.**
- 14 There's a buzz to Christmas both in and outside the church; but Easter earths my faith quite differently and challenges me to relive Jesus' final days afresh each year.**
- 15. Despite being quite loud and chatty, I enjoy my own company and quietness.**

My pastor encouraged me to share the gospel more often.
Am I doing this right?



See
(using the tune "O Lord hear my prayer" - Taize)

**See me where I am
Hold me in your care
Change my fear
Just be there
Reach out, give me hope
Redeem with your grace
Be a saviour to me**

**Be all that I need
The joy that I have
I feel loved
By your love
Reveal your true word
Recapture my heart
Be a shelter to me**

**Let me be a part
Of your love revealed
To your world
As you heal
Hold me in your care
May I learn to share
Be a beacon to me**

**Call me where I am
Guide me in my prayers
Carry me
Challenge me
Let your mercy flow
And help me to grow
You are all that I need**

Diary

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST

3RD: SAM GOODMAN: COMMUNION
10TH: COMBINED JOINT SERVICE
WITH ASHBOURNE ROAD.
17TH : TERRY NASH
24TH : CHURCH FAMILY
31ST : REV KEVIN JONES

SEPTEMBER

7TH:REV PETER LITTLE:
COMMUNION
14TH: REV KEVIN JONES
21 ST: SAM GOODMAN
28TH: TERRY NASH

CHURCH MEETING

ELDERS' MEETINGS

EVENTS

21st September

12thAugust:
Safeguarding
updates
11thSeptember:
3:30pm

Worship & Christian
Living & Social
responsibility:
meeting Tuesday 9th
September 12:30pm

OTHER DATES

NO 3F's 6th&
13thAugust
returns 20th August

Monday Fellowship:

Derby Inclusive Fellowship

SEPTEMBER

8th & 22nd, topics
TBC

AUGUST

9th: Terry's Desert Experience

SEPTEMBER

6th "Who are we"

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A large print magazine is available on request.

Back Copies of our Magazine can be found on the website!

The October/November Magazine will be available in late September.

Please send material (be creative) to arrive no later than Sunday 14th

September to Christine Fielding, care of the church, or by email to

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Contributions to the weekly sheet should be sent to Cathy by email at

cathy@cathyjim.co.uk or by phone at 07986450580

Deadline Friday noon, Please!

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