

Immanuel Newsletter

Sunday 14th February 2021

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Thought for the week “Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.” - Lucius Annaeus Seneca (4 BC – AD 65)

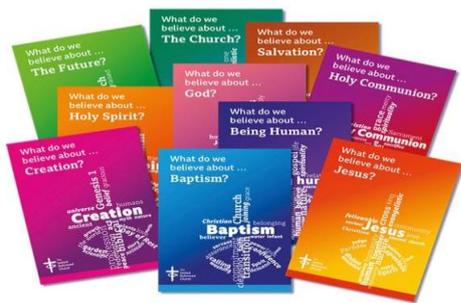
Partnership Prayer Diary 2021: *September is the final month available.* If you would care to offer the task of compiling it, please get in touch with Robert. Thank you for your help.

You might be interested:

The URC has published a series of short booklets on different topics which you might like to explore. Here is the link –

<https://urc.org.uk/believe?fbclid=IwAR1Yx915Sd5YoAbaCpkrWlQ117lbrooQ6TvCD89rYFw1GZbTQePBw6bl3M>

Take a look, explore, read. You can print the one/s you like.



Discussion Group, This week together with the written Reflection I will be sending out a sound file, with a “sermon” summary version of it. You can find the connection details at the foot of the Reflection; the Zoom Discussion group, should not last more than 30-40 minutes where you are invited to join in to chat about what you have read and/or listened to, the discussion group will be on Tuesday 16th beginning at 2.00 pm.

From the URC webpage, an invitation:
Black History Monthly
(https://urc.org.uk/images/LOS/200127_URC_Black_History_Monthly_launch_-_final.pdf)

'Black History Monthly' will take place on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom. Starting Monday 15th February, each session will have a different emphasis – sometimes focusing on and discussing an article or book, unpacking a film we have watched, taking a dive into poetry from Black writers, and maybe even sharing an eye-opening quiz – discovering some of the many achievements we may not have realised are attributable to Black people. We are confident there will be something of value, interest, and enjoyment for everyone.

<https://zoom.us/j/99060809545?pwd=YIFORzkzTUozbmJiWVZPSkxMQjNXUT09> Meeting ID: 990 6080 9545 Passcode: 264326

Spread the word and join us if you can. Black History Monthly– *because Black History is too important to leave until October!*

Illustration for this week



Please Include in your prayers:

- Highworth URC
- The Harbour Project
- Those who are struggling with mental health difficulties,
- For the vaccination in our country and the world.
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- The URC: nationally, the 13 Synods.
- The South Western Synod: Ruth the Moderator, Gwen the Synod Clerk, and all who work for the Synod Office, and the churches of the Synod.
- for the homeless, and rough sleepers
- our leaders in politics, economics, churches, culture, health, commerce, industry, trade unions, armed forces, and all walks of life: wisdom and call to serve.

'Without Love' is a poem by Karen Campbell, United Reformed Church Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries, for Racial Justice Sunday which this year falls on Valentine's Day, 14 February.

Without Love - Karen Campbell

Without love, I can live,
But I will not thrive.
I will not reach my full potential.
I will not feel safe,
Or valued,
Or know the security
Of true belonging.
I will not be at ease -
In this place or that -
Or in my own skin.
Without love, I can live,
But restless, wandering -
Where being me is not enough,

And I am coerced to become
Someone else.

But who?

Without love, I can live,

But I cannot just 'be';

I cannot fully appreciate nor take

My place

In the give and take

And wonder of life.

Then, I am robbed of myself -

And so is the world.

Without love, I can live,

But how can I know

How to love...

Love life

Love others

Or love myself?

I can live without love.

But what kind of life?