

## Where we meet and who we are



The office and mid week activities are based at our building in:  
Well Street. MK18 1ET



On a Sunday morning we meet for worship at :

Lace Hill Academy, Catchpin Street,  
MK18 7RR

Well Street United Church is an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. In reality, many of us come from other churches or no church background, but we have felt at home in this church. We are also a member of the Inclusive Church Network.



As part of our worship we have an offertory box and also a card machine available by the hall door. If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to James Knpton or Wendy Collins as to how you can give by Standing Order or online and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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## February 2025

### Welcome to Well Street United Church

Welcome to Well Street United Church especially if it is your first time.

If you would like to receive electronic weekly updates please speak with a Welcomer.

#### Sunday 2nd February

##### Praise & Prayer

6.00-7.00pm

Well Street United Church,  
Buckingham, MK18 1ET



#### Wednesday 5th February -12.30pm

To book a place contact Ros. The speaker this month is Tim Edworthy



#### Sunday 9th February @ 3.00pm

(please note change of date)



#### Youth Nights

Friday 14th February @ 6.30-8.30pm  
Venue: Buckingham Parish Church  
Contact: Sam K for more information

#### Nosh and Natter—Saturday 22nd February

Monthly event for Year 10's and above  
Please contact Jane B for more information



#### Diary Date

##### Tuesday 18th March

7.30pm at Well Street United Church

### Weekly Activities

#### Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship  
Lace Hill Academy MK18 7RR

#### Tuesday 10.00am

First Steps (Toddler Group)

#### Tuesday, Wednesday and

#### Thursday - Life Groups

contact Church Office for details

#### Thursday 5.00pm

Explorers (5-11year olds)  
(Term time only)

#### Saturday 10.00am-12 noon

Renew Café

### Monthly Activities

#### First Sunday

10.30am Café Church at  
Lace Hill Academy  
3.00pm service at  
Lace Hill Manor (Care Home)

#### First Wednesday

12.30pm CAMEO  
Well Street United Church.  
Booking is required

For more information contact  
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## Minister's Message

On 20th January, Donald Trump was inaugurated as US President. For a second time, he became, arguably, the most powerful person on the planet. It would take a brave person to speak truth to his power.

Enter the Right Reverend Mariann Budde, the Episcopal Bishop of Washington. As she closed her sermon, she made issued a challenge to Trump:

'Let me make one final plea, Mr. President. Millions have put their trust in you and, as you told the nation yesterday, you have felt the providential hand of a loving God. In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now.'

As the bishop continued, she spoke of the gay, lesbian and transgender communities, some of whom now fear for their lives. She mentioned migrant workers, who pay taxes and are good citizens, but who fear for their livelihoods due to lack of proper documentation. She spoke of those fleeing warzones and seeking sanctuary.

No doubt, there are many in the UK who also face those challenges. Will we, followers of Jesus, be people who also speak truth to power? Will we be those who embody the love and compassion of Jesus? It may cost us, but when it does we remember that it cost Jesus everything!

I end this reflection with the closing words of Right Rev Budd's sermon:

'Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land. May God grant us the strength and courage to honour the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people. Good of all people in this nation and the world. Amen.'

Tim

## Family News

Happy Birthday to Betty M (CAMEO) who celebrates her 90th on 17th February

*Thank you all for your lovely cards and kind wishes on my 70th birthday. And the bottle of bubbly which we shall enjoy very much. Hard to believe I'm this 'old' but certainly something to celebrate .* Sheila H

We give thanks to God that Hannah has been discharged from hospital, and that Lorna is now with her in Sydney to aid her with her recovery.

We continue to pray for Mark B who is still in MK hospital.

## Service Dates for February

Date	Venue	Time	Theme	Leader
2nd Feb	LHA	10.30am	Café Church ASK: The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1-13	Tim Edworthy
	WSUC	6.00pm	Praise & Prayer	Tim Edworthy
9th Feb	LHA	10.30am	<b>New Series: Mark – Living the Way of Jesus in the World</b> Announcing Revolution <i>Mark 1:1-15</i>	Tim Edworthy Katy Morris
16th Feb	LHA	10.30am	Demonstrating Authority <i>Mark 4:35-41</i>	Sally Woodd Tim Edworthy
22nd Feb	LHA	10.30am	Following in His Footsteps <i>Mark 6:1-13</i>	Tim Edworthy Cathy Read

Venue LHA– Lace Hill Academy WSUC Well Street United Church

## Mission of the Month: Commitment for Life (CFL)

CFL is the Mission division of the United Reformed Church, I am pleased to represent Well Street on the East Midlands Synod of the URC. CFL is supported by WSUC. Much of their work is in co-operation with Christian Aid and Global Justice.

For example they work with more than 20 Israeli and Palestinian organisations to protect human rights, access services, and build peace based on justice for all. Its development and humanitarian relief reaches Palestinians and Israelis. Jewish, Muslim, Christian and secular.

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.

*Graham Kentish*