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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



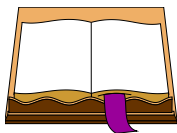
**At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.**

Mark 1 v9

**Danbury Chapel Newsletter**  
**February and March 2026**

**Christian Aid Quiz**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 7.30pm**  
**In our URC Hall**

Just as Jesus was  
water, he saw heaven



Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1 v9-11

coming up out of the  
being torn open and the

Ian Miller led us on 30<sup>th</sup> Advent with the hymn Immanuel, Karen Parker and Maria December with the light of the world", with the world, you stepped and "The light of Christ".



November into  
O Come, O Come

Smith led on 7<sup>th</sup> theme "Jesus is the the songs "Light of down into darkness"

I was away at my sisters 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 14<sup>th</sup> December when Steve King led with hymns "O come, O come Immanuel", "Longing for light, we wait in darkness" and "Lo, he comes with clouds descending".

Our minister Anne led our Carol Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December, and with a map of the Holy Land asked us how we would travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, her theme being the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, as we sang "Do you know the way the Bethlehem", "Little donkey" and "O little town of Bethlehem".

My turn to lead on Christmas Day. A shorter service with a children's video on the Nativity, and another Nativity video based on the King James bible produced by the Mormon Church.

Our minister Anne was back with us as we started 2026 with our service on January 4<sup>th</sup>. As the Nativity story ends with the arrival of the kings, and followed by the escape of Joseph, Mary and Jesus to Egypt. We sang one of Anne's own songs "The star comes down, the lights turned off, the tinsel taken down from the tree. Put Christmas firmly in its box, there's nothing left for us to see".

Steve King led again on 11<sup>th</sup> January bringing us two secular songs "Pack of cards" and "On the first day of Christmas". But Steve then explained the hidden biblical meanings behind these songs.

Penny Bloom and Bob Pearson came to us on January 18<sup>th</sup> with the theme "You brought me to his banqueting table. With a reading from Song of Songs "He brought me to his banqueting hall" and the song "He brought me to his banqueting table", Penny set up a banqueting table with many items representing love, joy, hope and peace. Bob led several songs on his guitar and we also played two of his videos "My peace I give unto you" and "May the grace of Jesus".

### Prayer Corner.

We keep adding to our prayer list. Now I have to add prayers for the people killed in their thousands in Iran.

We have lit the candle every Sunday for over three years as we pray for Ukraine, for peace,



for an end to this war, and for the people so badly affected.



### *A prayer from the United Reformed Church*

O Most High, Your people rage over the Land,  
war and terror engulf those who seek to follow You,  
hundreds have died, thousands have been wounded,  
and this is just the beginning.

Jesus, Incarnate Word,  
give strength to those working for peace in the midst of war;  
doctors, nurses, and medics tending the wounded,  
fire fighters and rescue workers pulling people from the ruin of their  
lives, regional leaders calling for calm.

Eternal Flame of Love, teach us all the ways of peace;  
bring to justice those: who wage war, violence and terror,  
who limit life, steal land, use law to oppress.

Eternal Trinity, show us quickly how to turn  
away from violence,  
pursue costly justice  
and live in peace with each other and with the  
earth.

Amen.



**O Lord hear our prayers for peace and love  
and the environment in the world**

## Church Diary - February 2026

Sunday	1st	9.45am	Sunday Service – David Whiteing
Sunday	8th	3pm	Sunday Service and communion– Revd Anne Sardeson
Sunday	15th	9.45am	Sunday Service – John Amos
Sunday	22nd	9.45am	Sunday Service – Steve King

## Church Diary - March 2026

Sunday	1st	3pm	Sunday Service and communion – Revd Anne Sardeson.
Sunday	8th	9.45am	Sunday Service – Marina Bottali Price.
Sunday	15th	9.45am	Sunday Service – Ian Miller.
Sunday	22nd	9.45am	Sunday Service – Karen Parker and Maria Smith.
Sunday	29th	9.45am	Palm Sunday Service – Steve King

*Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.*  
*Ecclesiastes 3 v1*

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