

GORING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

WELCOME

TRINITY SUNDAY 07 JUN 20

'Be strong, be courageous, all
you that hope in the Lord'



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday:

The first Sunday of a new month and our thoughts and prayers spread far and wide. Let us pray for the ministers of our churches, for Andrew and for those who prepare and give the URC national service on our website Sunday by Sunday.

Monday:

We pray for Ruth and Mamy, finally flying back to Sweden today, from Congo Brazzaville. O Lord bless them on their long and tiring journey via Paris.

Tuesday:

Father God, as the restrictions due to the virus ease, be with us. When we feel lost remind us of those who have lost everything. When we know pain take us to those who are hurting unbearably.

Wednesday:

Dear Lord God we thank you that we live in this beautiful part of our country, relatively safe from virus infection. Help us to keep in contact with family and friends. When we struggle to stay connected sit alongside those who have nowhere to call home.

Thursday:

Father God we pray for our brothers and sisters of other faiths, all of us worshipping you, the God and Father of us all. All of us struggling in some way with the restrictions that the world wide virus has brought. Keep us all safe, O Lord our God.

Friday:

Lord, take our minds and think through them. Take our hands and bless through them. Take our mouths and speak through them. Take our hearts and love through them – so that it is you who lives through us.

Saturday:

O Lord, as we think of our situation due to the virus, and what we can achieve, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference.

PRAYERS & NOTICES

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

During the year we remember all in our Church Family.

This week:

Ruth Covey, Carole Culliss
and Daphne Eames

RECIPE BOOK: REMINDER

I think it's about time we revisited the Church Recipe Book we produced in 1999. If you have any favourite recipes you wish to share I'm happy to have them sent to me via email or snail mail ready to be collated into a booklet. It could be a main meal, dessert, cakes or biscuits Anything you enjoy cooking. Or a recipe you have adapted during this time of isolation.

Val Gill

FRONT COVER

The design on the front cover is a Trinity Circle and is based on the triquetra, a triangular figure composed of three interlaced arcs.

From next week I shall provide an explanation of previous covers (space permitting!)

Ryan Thomas

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CONGO UPDATE #4 (2nd JUNE)

Dear all,

Hope you had a good Holy Spirit weekend! Time for another update from us.

Social distancing and the night-time curfew are still in place here, with just some school years allowed to recommence – churches still closed and many pastors with no income (giving by bank transfer is not the norm here) . We've only just reached 20 deaths and around 600 confirmed cases, with limited testing.

I've had a good three weeks back at the office, working with colleagues and sorting out old papers, etc. Mamy will start this week with remote Kituba translation checking of 2 Kings - with the team in Pointe Noire and he himself here in Brazzaville.

After six weeks on 'stand-by', we will be leaving Congo in a weeks' time! Another Air France flight has been announced for next Monday 8th June, and we have booked on-going flights to Copenhagen the next day, from where we will take the train into Sweden. We will spend the night in the transit lounge in Paris, but

hope our luggage can be checked through to Copenhagen (our colleagues who travelled in May had to abandon their luggage in Paris and only received it 12 days later!).

My friend and colleague Andrea will be returning to Germany with her kids in early July. It will be a major transition for the family, with her Congolese husband staying in Congo for the moment. The kids will start school in Germany, and Andrea will juggle caring for elderly parents and working remotely for SIL-Congo until the end of the year.

We'll be working remotely from Sweden – Mamy will continue translation checking and I have linguistic write-ups to do – but we will probably make the most of the Swedish summer and also take some vacation time! We would like to return to Congo in August, but must of course wait and see...

In the meantime, we are looking forward to those long light evenings and eating strawberries.

May God watch over each one of you in these uncertain days. With our love, **Ruth & Mamy**

NOTICES

Thank you to all those of you who have made these gorgeous flowers for our new banners. It has been a wonderful project with around 16 people taking part. We have lots left over and they will be used in another way All to the Glory and Service of our loving Lord while we have been in Lockdown.

Someone suggested we continued to make flowers for another banner, which is in the making to be covered in poppies for Armistice Day in November. Soon to be completed so ... WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

The poppies are made awaiting their backing!! Thank you once again all those who took part – its been wonderful.

Caroline x

