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CHURCH SECRETARY'S LETTER



Dear Friends,

This has been a time of comings and goings at St Columba's. As a city centre church in a university town, we are used to the flurry of comings and goings over the summer months that is a familiar part of the annual cycle. But the comings and goings that have characterized our community since the last edition of the Newsletter were not so easily anticipated. We have had a gratifyingly large number of newcomers at our morning services: we hope that they have been made to feel welcome and we hope that we shall see more of them. We have received three people into membership: Curt Schroeder and Joan Clemens by transfer from Bicester Methodist Church, and Kirstie McLoughlin by confession of faith after her baptism on Easter Day. But we have also had to say sad farewells. In March we said farewell to Catrin Treharne as she moved to her new job in London. And of course, more recently, we have said farewell to our minister Carla—or I suppose I should now get used to saying 'our former minister Carla' - and her husband David.

I hope that the other people whom I have just mentioned will excuse me if I accord special significance to Carla's departure. For, in its own very distinctive way, it clearly marks a significant new phase in the life of our church.

What now? Well, at one level this question has a straightforward answer. Gordon gave an account in the last edition of the Newsletter of the process for ministerial transition. (And we now know who will constitute the Pastorate Call Group whose function he described. The St Columba's representatives on this group will be: Siobhán Grimes, Joanna Herring-Johnson, David Kennerley, Rosemary Knagg, Sarah Lacey, Andy Smith, and I. The Cumnor representatives will be: Nigel Appleton, Cara Heafey, Briony Newport, and Maureen Smith.) But it is not just a question of process. There is also the question of what that process will afford us. And I do not just mean the obvious, namely a way of finding a new minister.

"This period of ministerial transition need not be viewed simply as a period during which we bide our time..."

This period of ministerial transition need not be viewed simply as a period during which we bide our time while we search for a successor to Carla. It offers its own opportunities for growth and empowerment. Obviously, we shall miss Carla terribly; and I do not doubt that we shall become increasingly conscious of how much she meant to St Columba's as we begin to get used to life without her. Equally obviously, we look forward to welcoming a new minister as soon as the right person comes forward - and there's no point in denying that we would all prefer this to be sooner rather than later. But there is scope, in the interim, to flourish in all sorts of ways. Above all, we have an opportunity to reflect on who we are and on where we are going - so that we may continue to move forward in our endeavour to be, in the words of our mission statement, *'true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ'*.

This opportunity will be afforded not least by the writing of the pastorate profile, which we shall do under the guidance of the Pastorate Call Group and our Interim Moderator (yet to be appointed at the time of my writing this). I hope, and firmly

believe, that we shall be able to present a compelling picture of our two churches to any prospective minister, and that we shall be reminded of how far we have come under Carla's outstanding leadership.

Comings and goings inspire us to look both forwards and backwards. Those of you who attended Carla and David's farewell lunch on Palm Sunday may remember that, on that occasion, I referred to the pastorate profile that we and our friends at Cumnor produced during our last vacancy. I referred to it because, having recently consulted it, I had been struck by the fact that when we listed the qualities that we said we were looking for in our new minister, we produced something that might equally have served as a testimonial for Carla herself! - a stark reminder of how fortunate we were last time round. We can only pray that we shall have similar good fortune this time.

But let us indeed pray that. Let us look forward with eagerness and with confidence. The trajectory on which we find ourselves as a result of everything that Carla gave us during the last eight years is an exciting and invigorating one. May it continue during this period of ministerial transition and beyond, so that God's will can continue to be done within this extraordinary community.

With love in Christ,

Adrian

NEWS OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Finance and Property Committee

The Finance & Property Committee (F&P) continues to meet on a monthly basis. Its focus is to try to ensure the church's finances are healthy and also that the property is well maintained, looking for improvements wherever possible / necessary. However, as highlighted in the Stewardship Sunday service it recently led, this

is a means to an end: the true reason for being is to enable God's mission through the work of St Columba's. I re-emphasise this point because the Committee is often required to talk about facts and figures but this is not our motivation. And I certainly wouldn't stay as Chair, if that was the case.

As a Committee, we ask that all friends and members of St Columba's prayerfully consider their contribution to this church's life in terms of money, talent and time. Financially, regular contributions can be made via standing orders or simply money in the collection bag [please speak to a Treasurer for more information]. There are also many tasks within the church that can be supported. For example, we are in need of another member of the Committee - a relatively small time commitment, with annual meeting time normally being no more than 24 hours of the 8,760 available - and you will see throughout this issue of the newsletter that there are also other parts of the church that need you! If you are even the smallest bit interested in finding out more of how you can help our church to follow The Way and deliver God's mission, please contact a Church Secretary or another Elder. Anything positive that you are willing and able to contribute will be a blessing and also most appreciated.

In other news, the Quinquennial Phase 1 work - mainly exterior maintenance and repair - is well underway. We are also slowly working through the interior of the building to deal with various other issues, including some overdue redecoration. One recent notable improvement has been the replacement church hall fire-door mechanism. We are trying to ensure this is not the last of the improvements in 2016. Motion-sensor lights have already been fitted to suitable parts of the building and we are now looking to make the source of light more efficient and sustainable. Maybe, fundraising dependent, even an organ replacement is possible... but time will tell! We really want to get the facilities to a position where they are fit for purpose, allowing the Elders, members and friends of the church to focus their energies and limited resource on mission and outward-facing activities ('Ambitious' is our middle name!).

Tim Llewelyn

Small Groups

Our small group has been meeting regularly for nearly a year. We meet on Wednesdays at 8:00pm - 9:00pm at Ruth and Wilson Sutherland's house, fortnightly. We have already gone through a book by Henri Nouwen entitled *Spiritual Direction*; Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian*; the Epistle of Peter and are just starting the *Upside Down Bible* by Symon Hill. We have time for some great discussion, prayer, coffee, wonderful biscuits and lots of laughs. We hope to encourage each other's faith and not to take ourselves too seriously! We very much welcome new members, so do get in touch if you are interested.

[If you want to know more about Small Group Fellowship then please talk to Tony Brett or to Kirsten Johnson.]

Kirsten Johnson and Jonathan Herring

News from Cumnor URC



Some of our members were at the farewell lunch on Palm Sunday when fulsome tributes were paid to both Carla and her husband David, focussing on the many successful things which were begun during the seven and a half years of Carla's ministry at St Columba's.

Our members at Cumnor held their own final farewells from 7pm on 30 March, when besides being presented with a cheque Carla was given a splendid book of Memories. It is filled with messages from each of our members together with their

photographs, both individually and in groups, taken on a variety of occasions. All are beautifully set out by Carolyn Wheeler who is a professional photographer. We are delighted that Carolyn has presented our church with an identical copy to keep, also there is a group photo now hanging in our vestry.

At our AGM held on the same evening we approved written reports on the events of 2015. We approved the appointment of Nigel Appleton as Associate Minister during the vacancy. More recently we had unanimously voted to support Cara Heafey's application for ministerial training. A special Easter Sunday Newsletter had been printed which contains a reflection on Carla's years with us written by Nigel *[also available in this issue]*, which enabled her and every member to have a copy to remind us of the many blessings we experienced during her ministry. It also includes a report on recent fundraising events for the Hope and Faith Christian School in Zambia.

The School is carrying forward a number of exciting initiatives with which we have had the privilege of being involved: the acquisition of one of the two plots of land needed for expansion of the school buildings, starting the employment project for mothers of pupils, and the implementation of the second wave of Wyn Cornish Awards allowing former pupils to progress to vocational and higher education courses. All this is in addition to the ongoing work of the school in providing a quality education for around seven hundred children in one of the poorest parts of Lusaka.

Maureen Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Archway at Oxford Art Weeks

In response to numerous requests from a number of Archway Friends (and volunteers), and the availability of a small grant from

Sovereign Housing, Archway is able to be part of Oxford Art Weeks this year.

A series of workshops run by artist and teacher, Natalie, is encouraging Archway Friends and volunteers to produce some amazing work for the exhibition and of course others will bring in pieces produced at home.

It is expected to run over the period 9th - 21st May.

Welcoming the Stranger: How can Christians Respond to Refugees and Migrants?

As Christians we are called to offer hospitality to migrants and refugees. But what does this mean in practice? Are there ways we can embody hospitality which both serve those close at hand and reach out to those at a distance? And how much are we called to give - as ourselves ... as a community ... as a nation?

As we seek to welcome those from beyond our borders how should Christians understand borders? Do they serve a temporary or ultimate good or should they be abolished to allow people to move freely across the earth?

Knowing that our Christian faith calls us to care for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, how can we effectively get involved? How might our involvement and care be distinctively Christian?

On Monday 16th May at 7:30pm in Oxford CCOW will host an evening for churches and Christians to go beyond the headlines and consider what a Christian response to migrants and refugees might look like. With the help of our speakers Dr Cathy Ross, Dr Rob Heimbürger and The Very Revd Bob Wilkes we hope to explore many of the questions above as well as giving extended time to hear from attendees and address your own questions. Please pray for this event. Register via Eventbrite or by emailing bethan@ccow.org.uk.

A Meal for Students and Young Adults

This term's young people's service is scheduled for Sunday 5th June. As is custom, there will be a dinner beforehand to begin to prepare for this event. This will take place at St Hugh's College. The proposed date is Thursday 19th May, meeting at 7:00pm at the main entrance to the college, which is on St Margaret's Rd.

It would be great if you could let Adrian Moore know by the preceding Thursday (12th May) if you would like to join in this event. Please also confirm any dietary requirements.

Fourth Sunday – Taizé Worship and Prayer

The St Columba's Taizé services continue with a new regular place in the calendar: from Sunday 22nd May onwards will be on the fourth Sunday at 7:15pm (unless confirmed otherwise).

Interfaith Friendship Walk 2016

The annual Oxford Interfaith Friendship Walk will take place this year on Thursday 2nd June, leaving the Synagogue in Richmond Road at 6:15pm and finishing at the Central Mosque, Manzil Way at 8:15pm - calling at St Giles Church and Radcliffe Square en route. As usual, there will be reflections, prayers and light refreshments enroute and the event will be rounded off by a meal provided by the Mosque, with desserts from the Jewish Congregation.

It would be wonderful if as many people from St Columba's could join this event, which was honoured last December to receive the High Sheriff's Community Integration Award for our contribution to local community cohesion.

Advance Notice: Professor Moore on Radio 4...

You may be interested to hear that I have a radio series coming up in September, entitled 'A History of The Infinite'. It will be broadcast each weekday between Monday 19th September and Friday 30th September, from 1:45pm to 2:00pm, on Radio 4, and it will tell the story of evolving conceptions of the infinite over the past two and a half thousand years. All aspects of the topic will be covered: the philosophical, the mathematical, the scientific, and the theological. Each programme will include interviews with experts in the field.

The first four programmes will be concerned with the remarkable turnaround between the time of the early Greeks, when various puzzles and paradoxes associated with the infinite had made it an object of abhorrence and distrust, to the early modern period, by which time it had come to be associated with the divine and had become an object of veneration and awe. In the next three programmes listeners will be introduced to some of the extraordinary mathematical results concerning the infinite, including the discovery that some infinities are bigger than others. In the final three programmes attention will shift to the cosmos and our place in it. I shall consider questions about the age and size of the universe, about death and immortality, and about our basic urge to seek meaning for our lives in something infinitely greater than us.

INFORMATION



Charity Abseil: They Did It!

On 12th March, Sian Jones, Henrike Lahneman (with trumpet), Ken Ngugi and Ian Kennedy abseiled down the tower of St Mary Magdalen Church. Altogether, 33 people took part in the abseil raising

a total of £9,414.34 for Christian Aid. This money could be used to enable Christian Aid partners in Malawi to rebuild a community's flood protection infrastructure.

Calling Early-Risers!

New stewards are required for vestibule duty from time to time on a Sunday morning. It is not a very arduous job, but it is an important one, and it would be wonderful if those who are not currently on the stewards' rota would consider doing so.

Please give it careful and prayerful thought. And, if you are interested, please contact Richard Blundel to let him know via richardkblundel@virginmedia.com.

Support for Junior Church

'The Lord be with you' – 'And also with you' is the greeting and response at each Sunday service as the children and young people leave worship in the sanctuary to go to their own groups.

At St Columba's we are blessed with having families who come as regularly as they do and the Junior Church leaders faithfully prepare so that the children can engage with a programme of interesting and appropriate material to encourage their development as thoughtful Christian people.

We have a small, indeed a very small group of leaders who prepare for and teach in Junior Church and the Elders decided during this last year that to fulfil our church's obligations to protect the safety of our children and the people who lead their groups, there should be a second adult to accompany each group. That person would be present to give moral support to the designated leader for the session as well as being involved in practical tasks as the leader asks. The Children and Young People's Elders are asking members of the congregation to consider putting themselves forward as 'Junior Church Supporters' – one for each

Sunday of the year. If you would be prepared to do this even 3 times in a year it would be immensely helpful and reassuring to those people who lead the groups regularly. Please will you consider making such an offer and sign up to do so? There is a column on [the church rota](#).

In the recent past we have also appealed for adults to offer to teach Junior Church sessions and we have had two people come forward. If you have felt unable to put yourself forward as a leader, just perhaps by becoming a supporter you could discover that becoming a leader is a role for you!

If you have any questions about any aspect of this, please feel free to contact: Rosemary Knagg, Adrian Moore, or Pippa Smith.

Can You Help?

As has been published in our newsletter in the past, our sister church - Cumnor URC - has been supporting the Hope and Faith School in Zambia. Much money has been raised for the cause but the school has further requirements where funding is required. Two plots of land are currently available for purchase at a combined value of circa £24,000 (dependant on current exchange rates). This land would help integrate two parts of the site and would also enable the construction of a new assembly/dining hall. Approximately £17,000 has been raised (including Gift Aid). Can you help towards the acquisition of both plots of land? If you would like more information and/or are willing & able to contribute then please contact Richard Dewar (richardjdewar@gmail.com).

Half-price Digital Reform...

If you're a student, good news: you can get Reform's digital edition for £9 – that's 50% off! The digital edition (which is usually £18) can be read on tablets, smartphones and computers. At 10 issues a year, the 50% offer works out at just 90 pence per issue.

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Student Christian Movement in Oxford

SCM Oxford now has a Facebook group which you are welcome to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/183827185312433/>

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Sad News



Long-serving Marston URC Elder and lay preacher, Tom Connacher, passed away aged 81 on 25th April 2016. A day earlier, Tom and Pauline were present at the baptism of their Grandson, Thomas Christopher (named after his grandparents) in Wantage, where their son, William, and his family live. Tom was delighted to be able to hold his Grandson in his arms as part of the ceremony. In failing health, it was this that Tom had driven himself to do since the birth in January this year. After the ceremony he went home a happy man; weak but in good spirits.

THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS

A Message from Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller

Dear friends: Thank you for your warm and generous send-off. It has been a privilege to serve as your minister. I shall look back on my years with you with gratitude and affection. I suspect that many of you do not know of the impact or importance of St Columba's to Oxford, to the United Reformed Church and beyond. Your presence in the city centre is a blessing to many; your affirming welcome a beacon of hope. May God continue to bless and prosper your life and ministry.

With love, **Carla**

A Reflection on the Ministry of Revd Dr Carla Grosch-Miller with Cumnor United Reformed Church, 2008 to 2016

For the past seven and a half years we have been greatly blessed by the Ministry that Carla has exercised among us. She has shared her gifts with us unstintingly: in leading our worship, in shaping our congregational life, and in pastoral care. We have basked too in reflected glory as she made her contribution to the wider church and to the churches.

I remember very clearly the evening that Carla met the Vacancy Committee and walking with her back to the High: it was obvious that this was an exceptional Minister. Eager to return to pastoral ministry after the period of teaching and studying that had engaged her since her marriage to David and her move to the UK.

She entered into her ministry with us in the autumn of 2008 and from the beginning Cumnor embraced her as wholeheartedly as she embraced us.

In the years that followed there have been some challenging times, both professional and personal, through which Carla has shown consistent courage and commitment to her ministry.

In the seven and a half years we have walked together there have been many milestones: succeeding in the completion of her doctorate despite the many pressures and distractions of pastoral ministry. Both congregations were drawn into the celebration of the publication of her re-working of the Psalms, which was in part the product of her sabbatical leave, under the title 'Psalms Redux'. We have encouraged her too as she has developed the work that has flowed from her doctorate, studying and teaching in the field of theology and sexuality. The whole United Reformed Church has benefitted from her contribution as Chaplain to David through his period of service as Co-Moderator of General Assembly.



We endeavoured to support Carla through her terrible period of bereavement, from which she returned to us displaying characteristic courage and insight that has been deeply inspiring to us.

In the early period of her time with us Carla helped us celebrate the completion of the refurbishment of the sanctuary and the dedication of the Quiet Space/Prayer Garden in the following year. Her abhorrence of the unhealthy state of 'the Hut' has given impetus to its removal and the replacement we expect to see provided in the course of this year.

One of her outstanding gifts to us has been the creation of the Fourth Friday series, now an established institution. I had arranged for my friend Canon James Woodward to be our speaker at the very first meeting and I remember Carla's excitement on the night; it having dawned on her late in the day that this was *'The James Woodward'* a pastoral theologian she had long admired. Since that evening we have had many great speakers, some great fellowship and enjoyable meals with old friends and new.

Carla has helped us too to be realistic about ourselves: challenging us to spend time together considering whether we had reached a point at which we should plan to close; and has supported our

conclusion that this was not the time. She has helped us understand and translate our impulse to welcome into a more explicit commitment to inclusion.

Another characteristic of Carla's ministry has been her support and encouragement for others to discover and develop their own gifts in ministry and a number of our members, and the whole congregation, experienced enrichment.

Both in the materials she has prepared, and in her delivery Carla has given us depth and richness in worship and preaching. For those facing the hurts and anxieties of life Carla has offered consolation, encouragement and loving pastoral care.

The tenderness of her pastoral heart reflects a striking honesty about her own vulnerabilities. It is for this, as much as for any of her many contributions to us as a congregation or gifts to us as individuals we love her, shall miss her, and thank God for her ministry among us.

Nigel Appleton

Dying and Rising

What bits of our church life need to die in order for us to find the life God has for us? Are we prepared for the dying, or will we hang on to them, kicking and screaming, and die with them?

Christian faith is Easter-shaped. To be disciples of Jesus is to follow the one who walked the Way of the Cross - who died as a result of his message and mission on Good Friday, and was raised to new life by God on Easter Sunday. That's the road: dying and rising. Like many of us who go to church on Palm Sunday and then again only on Easter Sunday, we're much better at rising; we'd far rather miss out the dying bit.

Jesus' mission was to announce that this world as we knew it was on notice: God was in the process of transforming it into the Kingdom of God. Nothing was going to be left as it was: in the new world - the one that God had always intended from the very

beginning - the people who always lost out would be first, and the people who always got to say how things were would be silenced. The new world was coming, he told them. Everything that they knew – everything safe and familiar - was about to change, and they needed to get ready for it.

Jesus knew it was impossible to be part of the new world and hang on to all the benefits of the old one. You had to choose. There was only one Narrow Way. You had to give up every loyalty to and stake in the old world - to die to it - and devote yourself absolutely wholeheartedly to the new one - to start over; to be born again. He called it *'taking up your cross and following'*, and *'losing your life in order to find it'*. Dying and rising.

It wasn't a popular message. It played wonderfully well with the people who had nothing to lose because they were always the losers: the poor, the people on the outside, the unrespectable. But it threatened everything that the richer, more powerful people had, and they moved ruthlessly to silence Jesus: either shut up, or die.

"We need to be more honest about all the myriad grubby ways in which we betray Jesus and the faith..."

Jesus wouldn't make it easier - on his followers or himself. He told his hearers that they needed to die in order to live. He said that the world needed to die in order to be re-created and born again as the Kingdom of God. He says the same thing to the URC today.

This is God's way. If we're looking for new life, we need first to die to the old ways. There's no easier, more comfortable, less costly way.

We need to be more honest about all the myriad grubby ways in which we betray Jesus and the faith: the ways in which we are

concerned primarily with our own survival as an organisation; the amount of time and money we're prepared to devote to creating elaborate comfort zones for ourselves, rather than communities that mirror a transformed world; in which we are often as money-driven and constrained as the consumerism we profess to deplore; in which we play out our manipulative power games to get our own ways and call it '*discernment*'; in which we are more concerned with reputation management than with confessing that we've used and damaged people and then working to broken relationships; in which we exclude people who are not like us or whom we do not like and justify it by telling them (and ourselves) that God thinks about them the same way; in which we live boring, fearful, irrelevant lives that are completely at odds with Jesus' own criterion for discovering Life in all its abundance: *'If you want to follow after me, deny yourselves, prepare to lose everything – including your lives – for the sake of the Good News, pick up your cross and follow me!'*

These things cannot live, because they have no part in God's transformed world of the Kingdom. We need to let go of them and celebrate their passing, because their death is the gateway to God's new Spirit-life, which we long to experience and which God longs to pour out on us.

It's the Way of the Cross. It's the Easter road. It's the Narrow Way. It's the way to Life. Jesus is walking ahead, inviting us to follow. Will we risk it?

Lawrence Moore
Director, Windermere Centre

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Stewardship and use of resources seem to be topics of the moment, whether it is at a local or national level. And it certainly is something at the forefront of my mind. This probably comes as no surprise when we are part of a denomination that has pretty much been on the decline (in terms of congregation numbers)

year-on-year since its birth, with diminishing resources. This may shock some and it may seem like the denomination has failed. However, it is common knowledge that Christianity is facing major challenges in the Western World. We are not alone.

We can be disappointed by the situation but we must not give up all hope. However, as a denomination, we must quickly evaluate where we are and what changes are required. We must also learn how to make ourselves and our mission known to the world around us. Each local church therefore has a major role to play. We cannot simply rely on the central URC to sort it out for us. This is not really possible in the denomination's governance structure. The local churches make the decisions. They are the face of the URC. They make the URC successful or otherwise. As individuals, we therefore need to make positive contributions to enable God's mission via this very worthwhile denomination. Let us not forget the famous tiny mustard seed as we look forward.

Tim

Newsletter Contributions...

All contributions for the next issue of the newsletter should be sent to Tim Llewelyn (Editor) by Sunday 26th June 2016 to the following Email address: llewelyn_tg@hotmail.com.

The next issue will cover **from mid-July to September 2016**.

Word limits: Thoughts & Opinions items - 600 words; all other contributions - 400 words. [For the sanity of the Editor, please keep to these!]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

----- EVENTS -----

May

16th Welcoming the Stranger, 7:30pm @ location TBA.

19th Student & young adult meal, 7:00pm @ St Hugh's College.

22nd Taizé Service, 7:15pm @ church.

June

2nd Interfaith Friendship Walk 2016, 6:15pm @ Richmond Rd Synagogue.

5th First Sunday, 7:15pm @ church.

26th Taizé Service, 7:15pm @ church.

July

3rd First Sunday, 7:15pm @ church.

----- MEETINGS -----

May

12th Elders' Meeting, 7:30pm @ church.

29th Annual General Meeting, after Sunday Worship @ church.

June

7th Finance & Property Committee, 7:00pm @ church.

23rd Elders' Meeting, 7:30pm @ church.

July

5th Finance & Property Committee, 7:00pm @ church.

LECTIONARY

May

8th Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

15th Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27).

22nd Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

29th 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-3; Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10.

June

5th 1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17.

12th 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3.

19th 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

26th 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

July

3rd 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

10th Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-3.

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St Columba's URC, Oxford

Sunday Worship: 10:45am

*Be thou a bright flame before me,
be thou a guiding star above me,
be thou a smooth path below me,
be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and forever.*

St Columba's Prayer

ALL are welcome.

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