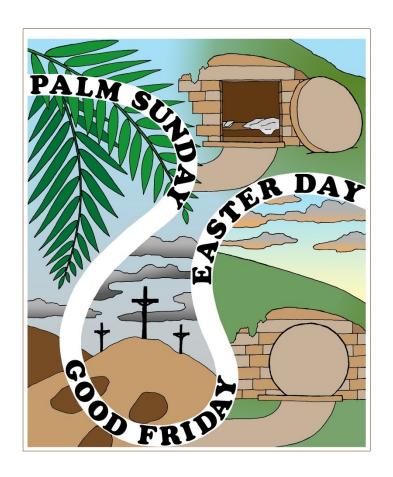
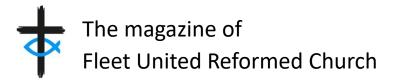
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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sundays, 10 am: Family Worship
Holy Communion usually on third Sunday of month
An afternoon service is held at 2 pm on the last Tuesday of the month

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

'Footsteps' Young People's Group: Sundays, 10 am (term time only)

PilatesMondays, 12.15-1.15 pmCoffee Morning:Wednesdays, 10–11.30 am

Toddlers Group: Fridays, 10 am

Bible Study & Prayer Group: Please contact the Church Secretary

for details of current meetings.

Under the umbrella of the United Reformed Church, *Guide, Brownie* and *Rainbow Units* meet each week during school term.

Up to date details of all the above activities are available from the Church Office, from the Church Secretary, or on our website.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER



Dear Friends,

Signs of Spring have suddenly arrived. Driving around, I see trees blossoming in pink and white, snowdrops, crocuses and even some daffodils out. It makes me feel that winter is in retreat, even though I am a bit alarmed at how warm it has been. I also remember that March can be freezing and that snow is more likely at Easter than at Christmas. Never mind!

These cheerful reminders from God's creation

help us to cope with the grey days, and they are meant to do just that! Four years ago we watched as the pandemic gripped the world, shrinking our horizons to our own house and garden, if we were lucky enough to have one. I remember seeing the first leaves coming out on the tree outside my study, and going out on Easter Sunday to photograph the Easter garden I had made, in the first rays of the sun. I had been looking forward to celebrating my first Easter Day service—but I couldn't. It was really hard to feel the Easter Joy I knew I should be feeling, without being able to go to church and sing 'Alleluiah'.

The tree helped me through that time, seeing the new life bursting out. But I do believe that we have all learned something about the resurrection, having gone through Covid. Hope seemed lost, and we were stuck inside fearing the worst, just like those first disciples.

However, life was restored, not the same as before, but new life and a chance to begin afresh. That is the gift of Easter for us year by year, as we follow Jesus to the Cross and beyond. The transformation of an instrument of torture and death into a symbol of forgiveness and promise.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! *Helen*



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, 24th March—Palm Sunday

10 am Family Worship, led by Revd Stephen Thornton

Thursday, 28th March—Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Tenebrae Service with

Holy Communion

Friday, 29th March—Good Friday

10 am Good Friday Worship

Sunday, 31 March—Easter Day

10 am Family Worship with Holy Communion

All services, except for Palm Sunday, will be led by our minister, Revd Helen Everard.





FUN QUIZ

Saturday, 23rd March at 7 pm

Word play games, picture quizzes, music rounds & more



Suitable for all ages ~ Teams of 6 ~ Register with Carol Rayner Entry: £5 ~ Open to all family and friends of the church Come along and enjoy the fun!

FAMILY EASTER FUN MORNING

Friday, 5th April, 10—11.30 am

Children 0-11, accompanied by an adult, are invited to come and have fun, with Easter-themed games, toys, songs and craft.

(If you can help with this, please let me know—Helen)





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12—18 MAY

Christian Aid will be holding their annual Cake and Plant Sale in the car park of St Philip & St James Church on **Saturday 18th May from 2 to 4 pm.**

Refreshments will be available. Donations of plants and cakes (with listed ingredients) will be most welcome. Thank you ~ *Linda Storey*





RECYCLING USED STAMPS

Mike Hayward is continuing to collect our used postage stamps and first day covers to raise money for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Please put them in the labelled box beneath the church library shelves. Thank you

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES

Our next afternoon services are **at 2 pm** on:

26th March and 30th April

Please contact Moray Henderson or our Minister, Helen, if you would like more information.



Contributions for the Summer issue of *In Touch* (June—August 2024) should be with Christine Gibbons, by **12th May**. Thank you.

(christine.gibbons@beech-ride.co.uk)

'LE WEEKEND' at Fleet URC

On the weekend of **3rd—5th May** we will host a gathering of people from Wessex Synod and from our French partner Synod in Northern France and Normandy for a meeting called 'Le Weekend'. More information to come, but in the meantime please put the dates in your diary and prepare to come, have fun and meet some new friends!

(This weekend will include the Synod 'Big Day Out' at Hollycombe on **4th May**—see page 11 for more details.)

KIERAN'S TORONTO EXCHANGE

Kieran Booker is the grandson of Moira and John Johnstone, and is currently in the fourth and final term of his undergraduate degree course studying Trumpet Performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Last term he was accepted to go and study at the University of Toronto Music Faculty, and gave a Trumpet Recital in our church to raise funds for the trip. He has written this account of his experiences.

I flew out to Toronto on 3rd September and settled into the flat straight away. It was a heatwave at the time, but luckily I had packed some summer clothes. The University building was very much of the Brutalist architectural style, and on my first entry it really reminded me of all those American High School films I used to watch, with long corridors filled with lockers for every student.

My trumpet teacher, Jim Gardner, was brilliant. He has been playing with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for the last 30 years, and is so knowledgeable about every style of music. In our lessons we worked a lot on orchestra auditions and stylistic playing, which not only improved my playing, but changed my outlook on music in general. I was lucky enough to watch him perform with the TSO several times, as students got free tickets to all the concerts, and they were amazing! I was able to watch everything from Mahler's 5th Symphony in C Minor to Stravinsky's 'Rite of Spring'; and even a 'Christmas Holiday Pops' concert before I flew home for Christmas.

During my reading weeks I was able to go on a road trip with some friends that I'd made, who also happened to be exchange students. There were no

other musicians, but it was nice to hear about their courses and how universities are run in their home countries. On the road trip we went to Montreal, Quebec City, and a very Canadian style log cabin on the side of a river. It was incredible to see the difference in culture between the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Quebec is a completely French-speaking province, and their way of life is very European, but with very subtle touches of North Americanism.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout my musical progression, and to everyone who came and donated at my Summer Recital in August! This life-changing trip would not have been possible without this support. Thank you!

Kieran Booker





WELCOME TO OUR NEW ELDER

We are delighted to welcome our new elder, Carol Woods, to our eldership. She was ordained by our Minister, Revd Helen Everard, during morning service on 7th January. Carol is well known to church friends and members of the congregation—she is usually to be found serving in our church kitchen at coffee mornings and other social functions, or in charge of the church hymnal on Sundays!

Congratulations, Carol!



CONGRATULATIONS, ALICE!!



We were very excited to receive notification that Alice Bagshaw has been awarded the URC's Lundie Memorial Award for February 2024. Alice was nominated for using her talents and time in her phenomenal fundraising efforts for her trip to Sri Lanka in support of *Ocean Stars* last October. (See the last *In Touch* magazine, Winter 2023-4, for her detailed trip report.)

Awarded by the URC Children's and Youth Work, each month the Lundie Memorial Award celebrates an individual aged under 26 who is using their God-given skills, time and talents to good effect within their church, their community, their Synod, or more widely. Award winners receive a certificate, a chocolate medal, and £100 to spend however they wish to benefit children and young people.

The award is named after Revd Robert Henry Lundie, born in Kelso in 1864 and called to be minister at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Birkenhead at the age of 19. Twice Moderator of General Assembly, he was very active in promoting schools and Sunday schools, as well as working to improve social conditions, and he later set up a new congregation in Liverpool. The people of Liverpool set up a trust fund in his memory, which the URC now uses to highlight the amazing things that children and young people do as disciples of Jesus—which often go unnoticed or uncelebrated.

For more information about the Lundie Award, and to find out about previous award winners, please go to bit.ly/URCLundie. We look forward to seeing Alice join them soon!

Helen Bailey

GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD—WILD FLOWERS

Wild flowers have always been important to us and to the insects, especially the bees. They have been the basis of crops and medicine and inspiration to artists and poets.

For centuries children have made daisy chains to crown their queen, and held buttercups under their chins—"Do you like butter?" being the burning question!

What about four-leaved clovers? They were thought to bring you good luck. As Christianity swept through Ireland, the clover became associated with the Holy Trinity, and became a symbol of Christianity, and also of good luck. As a child in Bahrain we had a patch of clover growing, and every stem had four leaves! My dear Dad made up many stories about it, and said we would make a fortune with it; but it was just a different type of clover called Oxalis Deppei—the Iron Cross clover plant.

Dock leaves were used if we stumbled into nettles, and I wonder, do you remember throwing Sticky Willy plants, or Cleavers, on your friends' jumpers? I think we still teach our young ones to blow dandelion clocks to guess the time.

I am sure you have names and memories for many other wild flowers.

Today we still notice wild flowers more than we realise—they are a link with our natural world. Coltsfoot along the road verge tells us that spring is close at hand; clumps of ox-eye daisy brighten dual carriageways.

When flowers disappear from our world we miss them, and become concerned about the health of our insect friends and the environment. My parents recalled with nostalgia the days when fields and woods were full of colour, which they took pleasure in seeing, and using the plants for decoration and medicinal purposes.

Today we are being encouraged to donate a piece of our tidy gardens to plant wild flowers. Even a pot of wild flowers will help our insect friends. We were at a garden centre the other day, and the amount of honey bees on the heather and heliotropes filled my heart—and this was February!

Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet.

Darrell Henderson



[Illustration: Eve Chevalier]

INDIFFERENCE ('WHEN JESUS CAME TO GOLGOTHA')

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy (1883—1929) was an Anglican priest-poet. He served as an Army Chaplain in World War 1 and was given the name 'Woodbine Willie' because of his reputation for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with pastoral and spiritual support to injured and dying soldiers. In this poem he compares the behaviour of Jesus' contemporaries with our behaviour today towards the stranger and the outcast. He challenges each one of us: are **we** following Jesus to Golgotha?

When Jesus came to Golgotha
they hanged him on a tree,
They drave great nails through hands and feet,
and made a Calvary;
They crowned him with a crown of thorns,
red were his wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days,
and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham*
they simply passed him by,
They never hurt a hair of him,
they only let him die;
For men had grown more tender,
and they would not give him pain,
They only just passed down the street,
and left him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do,'
And still it rained the wintry rain that drenched him through and through;
The crowds went home, and left the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and cried for Calvary.

G A Studdert Kennedy
(From The Unutterable Beauty, the Collected Poetry of G A Studdert Kennedy, Hodder & Stoughton, 1927)

*For Birmingham substitute Fleet, or a modern-day town or city of your choice

STAND BY ME

Having sent personal letters from Footsteps and other members of the congregation, as well as a copy of the church Christmas card, to our sponsored children via *Stand by Me*, we were delighted to receive replies and pictures back, which we wanted to share.



From Laurith, Colombia, 11:

Dear Fleet URC Church,

How are you? I greet you warmly, wishing that every good wish you've extended to me this Christmas is also granted to you. Thank you for the beautiful card you gave me. I really liked the little gifts that are drawn on it. They are very colourful and cute.

It's not difficult to choose and request gifts for our world. We ask that Jesus continues to reveal himself to humanity so that you can experience joy, love and forgiveness. May you enjoy a long life filled with hope each day. I am glad to share these gifts with you, and I carry you in my heart.

I will ask my grandmother to pray for you and your families.

With affection, Laurith

From Arsema, Ethiopia, 9:



Dear Alice, Grace, Megan and Kirsten

I hope you are doing very well. I am very well and glad to hear all your messages. Hearing from you on this special season makes me happy too.

Our Christmas will be on January 7th and I hope to celebrate it nicely with my family and loved ones. At Christmas morning I will go to church and after church we will have a nice meal which will be prepared from meat and we will drink Ethiopian home made drink. I am so excited for this.

I hope you had a great celebration there.

Lots of love from Arsema

From Pau, Myanmar, 7:

Dear Fleet URC Members

I am very happy for the letters and wishes from you. Christmas is filled with love from my friends, family, and people like you.

My Christmas will be joyful with my family and friends. I will be playing with



my neighbours. I can go to church and pray to God. I am very excited about the event coming soon. My family will have special dinners every day.

I want to share my love and care for everyone around me, including you. I am so happy to be friends with you in Christ. With the Christmas events I will be enjoying I can be very happy in the future Christmas and New Year.

Wishing you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With love, Pau

If you would like to send a letter to Laurith, Arsema or Pau, or if you would like to make a regular or one-off donation to their ongoing sponsorship, please talk to one of Footsteps. Thank you for your support and prayers for our children—as you can see, it means so much to them.

Helen Bailey, on behalf of 'Footsteps'





WESSEX SYNOD'S BIG DAY OUT

Following the success of the last Synod *Big Day Out* at *Hollycombe Steam in the Country*, Wessex Synod have booked the site again for our exclusive use on **Saturday 4th May, 10 am to 5 pm.** There will be more steam rides open this year and additional programme activities provided by Wessex Synod.

Ticket prices are the same as in 2022—£8 per adult, £5 per child for up to 10 rides on the attractions. Hollycombe's new café will be open this time, and there will be other food and refreshment outlets. You are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Synod activities include a large marquee with worship, stories and entertainment, as well as a marketplace with crafts, Synod Youth Executive, forest church and a nature walk.

Come and enjoy a day of fellowship, fun and worship!

For more information, or to book, visit the Wessex Synod website: https://www.urcwessex.org.uk/synod-big-day-out; or speak to Margaret Armes.

A PRAYER FOR HOPE IN TROUBLED TIMES

God of all time, God of this time.

These times are difficult, and we bring them to you.

There have been other times like this when countries have invaded others.

You show us countries that have seized a village or settlement at a time, and countries facing full invasion.

You reveal, when we dare to look, how national boundaries have changed like waves on the sand.

We feel so powerless; it is all so human and so tragic.

We bring it all to you in our confusion and worry.

Remind us, as ever, that worry is not what we must carry. Remind us that worry makes us smaller, makes our powerlessness real.

Fill the place that worry has taken in our hearts and replace it with hope.

Give us courage to read the news as we can, to listen, to watch, to understand.

As we face the reality of these times, we pray for your hope to carry and fill us.

Let hope be the insight which we gift to each other.

Fill us with your knowledge that hope is as real an act as giving our welcome.

You will bring peace, as ever you do. Give us courage to gift your hope to that process.

In the name of your incarnated Christ, and in the power and presence of your Holy Spirit,



Revd Elizabeth Gray King https://urc.org.uk/





LOOKING FOR THE RESURRECTION

An elderly couple were driving down the motorway when the wife got a call from their daughter. 'Mum, there's a car driving the wrong way down the motorway!' The wife warned her husband that there was a lunatic on the motorway. Her husband, clutching the wheel in terror, replied: 'One lunatic? There are dozens of them, all headed straight for us!'

What we see is determined by our perspective on life.

The Nicene Creed says: 'We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come' (*Rejoice & Sing, 760*). In the gospel accounts of the Resurrection, there is a lot of looking and seeing. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went early to the tomb. They saw the stone rolled aside and inside the tomb a young man



dressed in white said to them: 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him... He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him' (Mark 16: 6,7).

Like the women we would probably have been left 'trembling and bewildered' by what we saw that morning. Had the body been taken? Was the young man an angel or a deceiver? Was Jesus raised to life again, or was this an elaborate hoax?

Easter gives us a choice. We can approach life looking for disappointment, fear and despair. Or we can look for resurrection and find not just an empty tomb, but an encounter with the living Christ. He continues to meet us in our daily lives, bringing new hope, forgiveness of sin, healing and wholeness and the assurance of His presence through the darkest of times. God invites us to see our lives differently and look for Christ's resurrection life at work in our lives and in the people around us.

Revd Paul Hardingham, The Parish Pump

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

Easter means—hope prevails over despair. Jesus reigns as Lord of Lords and King of Kings... Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, His will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness.

Desmond Tutu (1931—2021)

YOUR RECYCLING... An Update

Many of you have been bringing in your recycling to church for quite a while now, and I thought it about time that I updated you about what happens to the foil and milk bottle lids after they leave the church!

I now carry bin bags with me when I come to church in order to empty out the cardboard boxes, should they be full. The foil box fills up much more quickly than the lids box as foil is much bulkier. The foil and/or lids travel home with me in my car. (I don't take recycling home if I've walked to church!)

The bagged recycling is put in my utility room until I have time to sort through it. This I try to do straight away, but if busy it may take me a week or two to get around to it. It is not a quick job! Each full box load can take 1-2 hours to sort through. Unfortunately, sorting through is a necessity due to the number of incorrect items that make their way into every load. I often do the sorting on a Sunday afternoon as it ensures the items can be moved on as quickly as possible.



In the photo, you can see the most recent load of foil 'mid sort'. Every piece has to be checked to see if it is clean (I have found leftover takeaway remnants still in trays and pie crumbs amongst other food remnants!) I also have to remove a multitude of blister packs from medication and peel-off lids... the type that comes from cream cheese, some yoghurts, puddings etc. Whilst they look like foil and the packets may say they are recyclable, they are usually made from foil layered with other

materials e.g. plastic and should not be included. It is another case of wishcycling! I have even found silver-coloured plastic sachets: the type that tea bags are sealed in when you open the cardboard box. I stack the trays by size and shape as this makes crushing them much easier and bag up scrunched sheet foil with other small pieces like chocolate wrappers. Once thoroughly sorted and crushed, the foil is bagged up and dropped off at a local house. I always do this as part of another journey rather than going out just to do this. If it is a small load, I will even take it with me on my dog walk. It is taken from there to be recycled for charity.

Milk bottle lids similarly need sorting. Any colour milk bottle lid is acceptable, including Arla. However, it is surprising how many other lids can creep in (ketchup, fabric softener, cocoa tin lids, shampoo lids etc). Once sorted, these are kept in our garage until there are enough to make a drop-off journey worthwhile. The location for dropping off lids is in Blackwater. In the photo you



Grace Bagshaw

can see a very large collection of lids. I thought they were all going to fit in the boot, but they ended up across the back seats of the car as well. There must have been thousands! Again, all going to charity.

So, a big thank you for all the foil and lids that you drop off. It is a time consuming job to process it all, but worth it for the planet and for the charities who benefit from it. Keep up the good work!





RECYCLING YOUR CYCLE?

After 30 years of happy 'leg power' cycling, I have been upgraded to electricity! I gave my old bike to BikeStart, a charity in Aldershot which accepts donated bikes, services them, and sells them on, with the profits going to The Source Young People's Charity in Aldershot. If you have an old bike

hidden in the depths of the shed and want to get rid of it, then please consider donating it to BikeStart (http://www.bikestart.co.uk).

Linda Storey





COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

I must apologise that the noticeboard is looking rather grim at the moment. This will change soon as I have been allocated a new board to use for the information I receive

One bit of information will be that we as a Church have transferred £800 to Commitment for Life, plus the £36 which has been collected by you purchasing items from the table. Thank you so much. I would like to thank John Gibbons for suggesting this and bringing it to Church Meeting; also our Church members for seconding it. This is an important charity that the URC have adopted and support.

Noticeboard and items for sale will be up and running soon, I promise.

Darrell Henderson

A THANK YOU FROM CARITAS

To all at Fleet URC:

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the toilet rolls you have donated for our Caritas families! Your support is so valuable to me, and every donation is truly appreciated by each family.

I began collecting packs of toilet rolls when I heard of families who said they 'were always short and used whatever they could find', or used 'a few borrowed rolls'. Other toiletries and sanitary products can be collected, but then I run out of toilet rolls. Also, toilet rolls can be carried and stored easily.

Our 54 families are mainly in Basingstoke, but I have gained two families in Fleet (one of whom supports five others) plus three in

Hook. Hart Food Bank knows of these families.

I tend to befriend with a listening ear whilst I drop off a pack of toilet rolls. Much of the time this is exactly how I discover the need of referrals for food, clothes, shoes, financial or *Stop Domestic Abuse* help. People tend to open up whilst I am on their doorstep. I find most families are slow to ask for help until they are desperate—even my regular families, who meet up at our weekly Families Together group.



I could write all day with so many examples and maybe little miracles that show how such a little time and donations can be such a tremendous support—mentally as well as physically.

I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. I am truly blessed to touch even a small part of their chaotic lives.

Blessings to each one of you.

Brita Coleman, on behalf of Caritas

[Donations of toilet rolls can be left in the church foyer, next to the Foodbank container]

Image by No-longer-here from Pixabay



PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE CARE

The Fleet Support Group have received a letter from Phyllis Tuckwell Fundraisers thanking them for raising a wonderful £6,234.45 from the recent Hampshire Constabulary Charity Concert. Their efforts make it possible for the Hospice to continue supporting over 250 patients, relatives and carers every day in their own homes, in the community, at the Hospice and at the Beacon Centre in Guildford.



Did you know that the Government/NHS only provides around 20% of the Hospice's income, meaning that they need to raise over £25,000 every single day to be able to continue to offer their services free of charge?

You may have heard about the plans to build a new hospice on the existing site in Farnham. This exciting project will enable Phyllis Tuckwell to care for many more people for years to come. To find out more, please visit www.pth.org.uk/new-hospice.

Bee Griffiths, Darrell Henderson, Carol Rayner and Carol Woods are our representatives on the Fleet Support Committee.



FLEET CHRISTMAS ANGELS

We had a wonderful show of knitted angels at Christmas and a lovely Blessing at All Saints Parish Church, which was attended by quite a healthy congregation.

Our church knitted 412 angels, which was wonderful. At this point I would like to mention Sue Chenery, who was a champion knitter and a real supporter of this form of outreach. Each year since we first started doing it she has supplied me with bags of angels. To me she was an amazing Angel herself—I will always remember her with love and thanks.

My thanks goes out to all of you who have knitted angels, and I hope you will want to continue this year, as it has been decided that we will be decorating the town again next Christmas.

So if you would like to help me, please let me know. I have wool and patterns galore!

Darrell Henderson

USE IT OR LOSE IT...

What am I talking about? It's our local bus service.

At a recent coffee morning conversation it became apparent that I was the only person at the table who used the buses. Of course there are negatives and positives to this, and I want to get rid of the **negatives** first:

Limited availability; limited circuitous routes; infrequency; slowness due to frequent stops; lack of toilet facilities. I am sure that non-users can supply more. However there are very many **positives** to consider:

Buses are free to pensioners between 0930—2300, and all day at weekends. Bus passes can be obtained via Hampshire County Council's website, hants.mybuspass.co.uk. There is an on line application form, or if you prefer a paper copy, phone them between 0830—1300, Monday to Friday, on 0300 555 1376.

Passes run for 5 years and can be used anywhere in England (not Wales or Scotland!). I had a lovely ride on the open-top bus from Bournemouth to Swanage over the Studland ferry. We overtook the long queue of cars, as the bus has priority.

OK, it takes longer, but you can see a lot more if you're not driving or going so fast. You don't have to find somewhere to park when you get there, or pay a car park fee.

You see, and possibly meet, a whole new population of people. Yes, mainly elderly, some disabled, even in wheelchairs, multiracials of all ages, young mums with babies in buggies (which buses accommodate), and the regular shoppers.

The Stagecoach website gives up to date timings of any route, and also tells me how many grams of CO_2 I've saved by not taking the car.

Which of course leads into the cost of running a car. There are many valid reasons for having one; but it's an interesting exercise to see how often we could manage to go by another form of transport.

Air pollution is a big issue, especially in built up areas, compounded by engines running in traffic jams. Some health issues can be caused or exacerbated by poor air quality.

Lastly, there's an organisation which is keen to arrange a regular bus service from our area to and from Frimley Park Hospital. Stagecoach needs a certain percentage of requests for this service, in order for it to be viable. Again, there's a website (www.busesinfleet.org.uk). There is also a poster (opposite). Even if it's not for you, please consider the Green aspect, in relation to climate change and the future of our grandchildren.

Margaret Tracey

