



**Newsletter:**

**Sunday May 8th 2022**

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time

**URC Wrington Covid 19 Safety Measures**

URC Wrington, attendees are free to take whatever risk prevention measures they feel comfortable with.



## Sunday Message

Speaker: Brian Jones

Scriptures: **Matthew 28: 1-20**

Worship leader: **Paul Norcross**

**Duty Elder: Paul Norcross**

### Breakfast

Saturday 14th May is the Men's breakfast

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May is the Ladies breakfast

8.30 – 10.00 am



Open to all hungry men/ladies

Relax and Chat while breakfast is served

## Order of Service Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Paul** Welcome and notices

**3 songs:** You laid aside your majesty  
Jesus, we enthrone you  
My Jesus My Saviour

**Paul:** The Lord's prayer

**Brian:** All Age talk

**As the children leave  
we say together' May the Lord be with you'**

**Fred:** Matthew 28: 1-20

**Brian:** SERMON

**song:** There is a Redeemer

**Brian:** Prayers for the Wider World

**Paul:** Local Prayers

**song:** Tell Out My Soul

**Paul:** Communion

**Brian:** Benediction. Invitations for prayer

**Tea and coffee in the schoolroom**

**Need a Friend: That's us at URC.**

Whatever you need, whether its practical help, prayer or just a chat.

Contact us, on one of the numbers below.

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**First-hand accounts from people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, and updates from our partners in the region.** *Written by Agnes McGrane | 26 Apr 2022*

Andriy could have stayed in safety. But he didn't. Though he'd escaped the war in Ukraine, he knew he had to go back. Like many refugees who our local partners have been supporting, Andriy volunteered to keep helping people caught up in the conflict.

'I was in Kyiv when the war started,' remembers Andriy\*. 'The lines to get tickets on buses that day were incomprehensible.'

Andriy was concerned about getting his niece, Sofia, to safety. They were eventually able to get a lift with a local pastor and crossed the border into Slovakia. The journey was long and stressful, taking more than 40 hours. As soon as Sofia was safe, Andriy returned to Ukraine to help others. He sent us this update from L'viv, a city in the west of the country: **'Please pray for us, as we don't know what to do in the near future and when we will go back to Kyiv. Big thanks to all of you for your generous financial help and for supporting us with your prayers.'**

## Essential supplies

'What I saw at the border was disheartening,' says Adrian, who works with Tearfund's local partner in the region. 'Very long lines of people, mostly mothers and children, shivering in the cold weather... lots of crying and despair.'

Tearfund's local partners have been working relentlessly to provide food, safe water, shelter, and trauma counselling to those fleeing conflict – both within Ukraine and in neighbouring countries, such as Poland, Romania and Slovakia. They have also been sending trucks filled with essential supplies to people still living in Ukraine.

'There are thousands of people who are still coming [across the border] on a daily basis, and we are doing all we can to help – either by sending goods over or hosting them,' says Adrian

## What it means to serve

There are countless stories like these: stories of hope, of human kindness and of God's provision in the midst of pain and loss. But the war rages on and the future is uncertain. Please continue to pray with us for the people of Ukraine. One of our church partners sent us this message: 'We continue to do what we were called to do as a church: serve the people and preach the gospel. What it means to serve people is now very clear – to respond to their needs. And the needs are also clear: to be near, to listen, to encourage, to cry together, to clothe, feed, heal, take into the house and into the heart. But in order to share all this, you must always be strong, filled and ready to give, to sacrifice. Perhaps this is what we ask you to pray for.'

## Pray with us

- Pray for people who have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Ask that they will find safe and welcoming places to stay and that they will receive all the support they need.
- Lift up the people who remain in Ukraine. Pray that they will know God's comfort, strength and protection. And continue to pray for lasting peace.