



The Cheapstreeter

CHEAP STREET CHURCH, SHERBORNE, DORSET
A Church at the heart of the community with the community at heart



*The Revd Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy MC – ‘Woodbine Willie’
27 June 1883 – 8 March 1929*

Studdert Kennedy was an Anglican priest - and a poet. After completing his training in 1915, at the age of 31, he volunteered to be an Army chaplain. His ministry took him to the Western Front, where he saw the atrocities of war up close. He became affectionately known as ‘Woodbine Willie’ for dispensing Woodbine cigarettes and spiritual aid to soldiers before battle, as well as to their injured and dying comrades. He described his ministry as “*taking a box of fags in your haversack, and a great deal of love in your heart*”. His pastoral manner was particularly appropriate for men who, in some cases, had only minutes to live. Soldiers said they liked the chaplain for his salty language and irreverent preaching style. He searched shell holes for our own and enemy wounded, assisting them to the dressing station and his cheerfulness and endurance had a splendid effect upon all ranks in the front line trenches. A nervous soldier asked him who he was: he replied “The church”. And when the soldier asked what the church was doing there, he replied “Its job”. He won the Military Cross for running into no man’s land at Messines Ridge, Flanders to help the wounded. After the War, Studdert Kennedy returned to England and was appointed priest-in-charge of St Edmund, King and Martyr in Lombard Street in the City of London. He left St Edmund’s to tour the country as part of the Industrial Christian Fellowship. This appointment released him from routine clerical duties and he became an outspoken advocate for the working classes. One of his celebrated quotes was: “If finding God in our churches leads to us losing Him in our factories, then we had better tear down those churches, because God must hate the sight of them”. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill. He died in Liverpool in 1929, exhausted, at the age of 45. The Dean of Westminster refused burial at Westminster Abbey because, he said, Studdert

Kennedy was "a socialist". His funeral took place in Worcester. More than 2,000 turned out to pay their respects and threw packets of Woodbines onto the passing cortege

Prayer Focus

We often look at the battles that we face on a daily basis as being ones that are external to us. But in actual fact the greatest battles we face are those from within, emerging from a misperception of ourselves. Our view of ourselves and others, especially at times of weakness, can be very negative. When we find ourselves judging others negatively, it often comes from a tendency to judge ourselves with the same unfair level of criticism. We need to understand that, although we are imperfect and make mistakes, we must acknowledge that as the handiwork of God we are beautiful. We need to look at the beauty that is within ourselves by taking time to reflect on how God sees us as His creation. He loved humanity so much that He saw us worthy of the Incarnation, Crucifixion and Resurrection of His Son. He doesn't focus on our pitfalls but sees us trying to rise above and overcome them

Lord, we pray that we may feel the courage to raise our hearts in prayer to You in all points of weakness, that we may be able to see ourselves and others as You truly see us
Bishop Angaelous

Around 2,000 years ago, the world changed forever. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the first disciples began to preach. This was the day the Church was born

A Prayer for Pentecost

God whose very breath gives us life, allow your Spirit to blow freely through our Church

May the winds and flames of Pentecost remind us of all that You created us to be

Breathe on us anew and may we breathe deeply of Your Spirit

Set our hearts on fire that we may be so bold as to be the people You created us to be
Amen

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream C.S. Lewis

Lives Remembered

<i>Maureen Vellacott</i>	<i>20 June 2000</i>
<i>John Clark</i>	<i>2 June 2000</i>
<i>Keith Davies</i>	<i>22 June 2002</i>
<i>Alun Morgan</i>	<i>24 June 2009</i>
<i>Sadie Coney</i>	<i>1 July 2011</i>
<i>Joan Patrick</i>	<i>17 July 2015</i>
<i>The Revd Liz Pennington</i>	<i>1 July 2016</i>

Pastoral

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We are so fortunate to be living in such a beautiful part of the country. We have had a wonderful Spring and all the trees, blossom and flowers have looked as if they have been trying to outdo each other to put on their best show ever. The words that have come often into my mind recently:

"This is the Day that the Lord has made. I shall rejoice and be glad in it"

As a Church family we have again been touched by sadness with the sudden death of Peter Hattersley on 23rd March. He was well known in and around Sherborne and very dear to us at Cheap Street. A Thanksgiving Service will be held Friday 2nd June at 2.00pm in the Church, followed by refreshments in the hall

We pray also for the family of Kevin and Kate Fisher in their time of great sadness. We send them all our love and prayers

Recently, in our lovely church garden, The Rev. Christina LeMoignan officiated at the interment of the ashes of Maureen, wife of Paul Hodges. And on Sunday 7th May, when the ashes of Evelyn Reeves were interred on what would have been her 90th birthday. We give thanks for having known these lovely people. We are so

grateful to Christina for being there whenever we need her and we give thanks to God for her presence with us in Cheap Street

There is still much concern for Jan Legg who does not seem to be making progress and we continue to pray for her and Robin Joan Hand is now back home after her accident and is making slow but steady

Health Hints Spring 2017

Do you rush around, so much to do, never enough time, not really achieving what you hoped, and feeling like you're missing something? It seems to be an epidemic of modern living, that's adding to people's dissatisfaction with their lives, and can lead to low mood, anxiety and insomnia. So, here's a few things to try this early summer, along the lines of Mindfulness – to help you slow it down a bit and appreciate the people and world around you:

- Try going outside, with a single aim – to sit somewhere quiet, and restful, just for a few minutes and listen to all the sounds, look up at the sky, and experience the nature surrounding you.
- When you eat your food, chew it slowly, try appreciating every mouthful
- Stop multitasking, try doing just one job at a time, with your full concentration
- When listening to someone, try to be fully present, and hear what they say without controlling or judging
- Be kind to yourself, it will help you give and see kindness in others
- Have a peaceful, slightly slower and more fulfilled summer.

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Liz

The Rendezvous

Church Representative: Barbara Porter

Wessex Strings are to give a concert in Cheap Street Church in aid of the Rendezvous on **Sunday 25th June** at 3.00pm

Sherborne's new mayor, Mrs Jill Hogben, has indicated that her three charities for the year will be Sherborne Rugby club, the Friends of Yeatman Hospital and the RENDEZVOUS. Thank you Mrs Hogben

Barbara Porter

Kindness

Just be kind – to yourself, to others, to the planet. Anyone can do it. We all know what kindness is, we don't need to be wealthy, and we don't even need lots of spare time. And everyone knows what a difference kindness can make

Some people may feel kindness is about being soft-hearted. However, in the Buddhist tradition it is described as being wisely selfish, because of the long-term benefits it brings to everyone concerned. It's often the tough choice, not the weak one

Looking back, I can't help wondering how different things might be if kindness had been the driving force behind all our decisions - international, national and personal

It can be difficult to influence how things roll out, but what we can do is put kindness first in our own lives. As the Dalai Lama says, this isn't religious business, it's human being business

Let's pray we can each make kindness our driving force

Alison Murdoch

Thank you

I should like to thank the church members for the wonderful response I received for my plant, cakes and jewellery sale. I raised the amazing total of £144.90. I'm really grateful to you all for helping me raise

such a large amount. With this total, I'm only a few pounds away from my target

Harriet Kelly-Slogrove

A Concert

Sunday, 2nd July 2017 3.00pm at Cheap Street Church: "Mostly Fun" - a concert, followed by tea and cakes, given by the Sherborne Singers and the Sherborne Young Singers and friends, directed by William Slogrove and accompanied by Amanda Slogrove. This is an informal concert of mainly secular choral music. Tickets at door £8.00, to include tea

Cliff Harris

The presentation for Cliff Harris's 60 years as a Local Preacher will take place at Vicarage Street Methodist Church on **Sunday 6 August** when Revd Paul Arnold will be conducting a service of Holy Communion (not at Preston Road on 4th June, as previously stated)

Wheels for the World

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Looking further ahead, some dates for your diary:

Saturday, 30th September

Concert for "Wheels for the World" with the Somerset Songsters

Sunday, 22nd October

Revd Lynne Morris from "Wheels for the World" will be preaching and taking the service

Jazz at Cheap Street

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The Sunset Café Stompers' new CD, recorded here in Cheap Street Church, is now available. It is a really lovely CD and reflects the varied repertoire of the Band and features the vocal talents of

Hamish Maxwell. The price is £10.00. Let me know, if you would like one

The Sunset Café Stompers, will be at Cheap Street again on **Friday, 27th October at 7.30pm**. Tickets will be on sale in September

I am hoping to arrange for a return visit of Tom 'Spats' Langham, perhaps early in the New Year *Raymond*

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What the BIBLE means

Small boy to his father: 'I've worked out what the BIBLE means'. Father smiled and asked: 'What then?' His son replied:

Basic Information Before Leaving Earth

(Thanks to Muriel Martin for this)

Town and Local Events

Summer's here! These are just some of the many outdoor events that will take place in June and July:

Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th June 2-6.00pm

Open Gardens Nether Compton

Saturday 3rd June Castle Gardens

Illyria Open Air Theatre

'The Emperor's New Clothes'

Doors open at 6.30pm

Saturday 10th June 1.00-3.30pm

Glanvilles Wootton Fete, Church Farm

Saturday 17th June 12noon-10.00pm

Sherborne Summer Festival

Purlieu Meadow

Some Indoor events:

Thursday 8th to Sun 11th June

Cerne Abbas Music Festival

Tickets: TIC 815341

Saturday 10th June 1.00-4.00pm

The Handmade Fair. Local artisans

Digby Hall, Hound Street

Thursday 19th June

Sherborne School Leavers' Concert

Tindal Recital Hall

Tickets: TIC 815341

Friday 30th June at 7.30pm

Sherborne School Gala Concert
Big School Room
Free event – contact School 810518

Saturday 8th July 1.00-4.00pm

Yetminster Fair

Saturday 29th July 10.00am-4.00pm

12th Leigh Village Food Fair

and Classic & Vintage Cars

Sunday 30th July to Sunday 13th August

Sherborne Summer School & Concertfest

Enjoy!

*We don't stop playing because we grow old
- we grow old because we stop playing !
George Bernard Shaw*

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progress. Renee Bennett is seeing a consultant in early June and hopefully will be given much needed pain relief. David Smith has been suffering severe back pain for the last few months and has now been told that he has Osteoporosis. We hope that he too has effective pain relief soon. It is good to have Christine Rogers back with us after her recent illness; she is making good progress but still awaiting further tests. We send our best wishes to them all

On Sunday April 2nd, our Anniversary, The Rev Colin Marsh welcomed into membership John Green, Judith Hayward and Richard Barton. Also welcomed into our fellowship was Sheila Green, John's wife, Sadie and William (who have now sadly left Sherborne) and also Muriel and Geoff Martin who have worshipped with us for over twelve months and are now in the process of transferring their membership to Cheap Street

The Pastoral visitors attended the evenings led by Jenn Gardner and thought them helpful. We were joined by Sally Sage who had responded to the notice in the Pew sheet. It is hoped to follow up with an informal session in the Autumn led by Penny Gardner

Michael Hawkes and John Andrews are both back home after a short stay in hospital
We hold in our prayers all those in need, here at home and further afield
God Bless. *Eirwen Cox*

From the Church Secretary

Margaret Field 815427

Ministerial appointment There was a summary of the processes involved in the previous Cheapstreeter and matters will take their course which can seem long-drawn out and as we have not had a minister since the Revd. Tom Carmichael had to retire through ill health. Over the years, Cheap Street seems over the years to have drawn several short straws. However, if our history seems ministerially chequered with loss and sadness it is fair to say, in my opinion, our fellowship and the caring we have for each other is helpful and strong. I was very

conscious of this when I attended the Pastoral Team meeting last week. It was a privilege to be there

Since 1st April when I took over the job of Secretary, not for the first time, I have been greatly helped by several fellow Councillors taking on additional responsibilities, dealing with the Circuit and giving our input for the Plan, coping with the posters for the notice-board and the church website and helping ensure that people are appreciated for what they do. So please support your Church Council

Looking back we remember the Sunday evenings in the hall, reading the twelve plays on the Life of our Saviour Jesus Christ by Dorothy L. Sayers and these ended on 9th April. Many came and were drawn into hearing the written word spoken by human voices and many came regularly

Our 23rd Anniversary Service on 2nd April was led by the Revd. Colin Marsh, with shared lunch and a celebration cake

New Members were welcomed John Wesley Green, Judith Hayward, Richard Barton and Muriel and Geoff Martin by transfer of membership. It was also a chance to greet Jackie Bullen as a new Councillor

Our services from Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday participation and Easter Day which was memorable and we thank Christina for all her planning for that occasion

Looking forward, the names on the Plan reflect the help we have from Circuit, and particularly The Abbey. We were very pleased to welcome Mark Greenstock on Sunday, 21st May, when also Harriet Kelly-Slogrove from 1st Sherborne Guides told us of her involvement in community action earlier at Foxlease in the New Forest

Bible Month is The Letter of James and some of our preachers may follow this:
Doers of the Word Faith and Work
Speech and Wisdom
Living for The Lord

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4th June Pentecost After church there will be a S.C.T. Picnic on the Abbey Green. Bring your lunch and chairs if needed

Thursday 15th June

Church Council 7.00pm in the hall

Tuesday 20th July

Church Meeting 7.00pm in the hall

Margaret Field

My Story



Lyn Crocker
Church Councillor

I was born in Frome Hospital in 1966 and bought up in the nearby village of Nunney in Somerset. I am one of eight children. I have a younger brother Chris and an older sister Lorna living near me with their own children. I have three older sisters Jill, Pat and Dawn who live further away and two older brothers, Bobbie and Steve who have already died. I also have in-laws and loads of nieces and nephews whom I like to see or hear about.

I am married to Phil and we have two boys, Joseph, 16 and David, 11 and we live in Alveston

Growing up with my family, I can remember we went to nearby Marston Bigot church every Sunday. A favourite time in church was a Saturday afternoon spent 'doing the flowers'. I can close my eyes now and hear the friendly chatter of my Mum and Aunties - all older friends then were called Auntie or Uncle. I remember the scents of the flowers and

greenery, poking holes in the spongy oasis, helping choose vases and being allowed to do my own displays in little glass jars that used to contain fish paste. It is a very happy memory. I saw my Mum helping with church and school fetes and performing songs and sketches on stage with friends to entertain the community. I saw the easy way she made friends, her acceptance of anyone or anything, her love for her family and her faith. Her love, faith and hope are strong within my life

After moving to live in Frome, my Mum died of cancer. I was 12 years old and it was an awful time. My Dad married Joy my step-mother and kept a home going for my brother and me, but sadly Joy died five years later. Then my Dad married again and left us so he could be with his new wife and family

I left school at sixteen with an O Level in Art and a CSE in Child Development. I was given a chance to do voluntary work for a year in an elderly care home in Croydon and then in a Fulham Palace playground for socially, mentally and physically disabled children. It was a great experience for me; I learnt more there than ever about life. I went on to spend 9 years in London as a mother's help and then children's nanny in Richmond and Kensington. I enjoyed my work, had a lot of fun, made good friends and travelled with the families I worked for. In my mid twenties I moved back to Somerset and got a job, near my brother and sister, at the Church Bridge Stores in Bruton. I made more good friends and I enjoyed working behind the delicatessen there

After that I took a job at Godminster farm, near Bruton, looking after the children there and cooking from their organic garden. It was lovely, made lovelier by chatting with Phil the window cleaner. After three years of chatting Phil finally asked me out on our first date to the Rajpoot in Sherborne. Eighteen months later we were married and living in Sherborne with our first son Joseph. We still chat loads to each other!

Our boys are not in formal education. Instead we organise groups and help with workshops for them and other home ed. families in the

area. I also spend a couple of days a week cleaning and ironing for other people.

Being on the beach in Cornwall with Phil and the boys is my favourite thing. I also enjoy reading: I love the SAMPLE button on my Kindle! I love all music and dancing to it in the kitchen or dancing with friends in their kitchen is the best. I love all art, especially expressionist painting; paintings by Howard Hodgkin reach out to me and give me a deep feeling of contentment. Do you have art in your life that does this? I recently learnt about Celtic and other ancient belief systems, how Christianity worked its way around them and how they work together today. I found this fascinating

I am a Church Councillor and also help Junior and Sticky Church - I like the informal way the sessions unfold and I hope we can continue and add to these over time

My own personal mission statement would be this:

Faith can grow from love and truth,
Hope can grow from giving chances
and all this can lead to a Happy Heart.
Amen to that *Lyn Crocker*

Sherborne Area Refugee Support

Since the last edition we have been busier than ever! The vast numbers of traumatized people seeking refuge throughout the world is overwhelming. A growing multitude flow into Calais in the hope of joining their families in the UK

At the end of April we met with our support group to discuss plans for getting a Syrian family resettled. The home that we were offered has been checked and approved by Stephanie Farr from Dorset County Council. We still hold out hopes for other landlords to offer their house to rent.

The support group is growing and includes people from other churches and villages in and around Sherborne. Everyone felt it would be easier to settle a couple of families into the area who could offer mutual support to each other in this new and strange land.

Stephanie talked to us about the shape that support for the families would take. She also explained how the landlords would be financed.

Teachers who could speak Arabic is a primary need. The translators and English teachers are initially, the main contacts in the resettlement of families. At least until the family are feeling confident.

Geoff and Cath and I went to a training day at ICN (International Care Network) in Bournemouth, earlier this month, to learn about what refugee families had experienced in their resettlement. ICN has been going for twenty odd years and works primarily with assisting the very vulnerable. It was an incredible day! We learned about Syria and its relationship to surrounding countries. A young woman spoke to us about modern Syrian culture. (Not awfully different from ours) An immigration lawyer spoke about keeping up with the ever-changing immigration laws that create minefields for refugees. And several couples spoke to us - in their newly learned English - about the difficulties of resettlement. Language was the biggest stumbling block. Our heads were spinning and our tissues wet with tears when we left. This modest group (ICN) are housed in a rundown part of the town. However, the people that we met were so full of the light of God in the work that they do that we came away greatly inspired to carry on with the opportunities that we have here in Sherborne.

Last week Cath attended a similar meeting in Dorchester, held by the Multi-cultural Society. The families that have been resettled in Portland spoke and prepared a Syrian meal. Again it was quite a humbling experience

The group that recently volunteered in Calais returned quite exhausted. The work to get food and warmth to those hiding in small camps around the town continues. But publicity has fallen off and as a result fewer volunteers offer their time

The generosity of people in Sherborne continues to amaze us. Donations have been constant and we continue to make weekly trips to RAFT in Taunton. Sometimes it is necessary to take several car loads of blankets etc. So the invitation is still there for anyone who would like to join us. In the meantime we shall try to

organize a day out just to help them sort their donations for distribution

Bless you again – all those at Cheap Street Church, who help us by giving time, prayers and donations
Penny Gardener

We live in troubling times. Terrorist attacks against innocent people are taking place somewhere in the world every day (the recent tragic event in Manchester being yet another). Sadly, these are invariably committed by evil, fanatical Muslims and reflect badly on Islam. Yet, most Muslims are not extremists and, indeed, are kind, peace-loving, tolerant and responsible people. So, when you see or hear of a terrorist attack by a Muslim, apart from praying for the victims, spare a thought for the good Muslims whose hearts are aching and say a prayer for them

“Christianity in Crisis”

I am sure many of you will be like me and try to not to miss ‘Thought for the Day’ on Radio 4. I have some favourite speakers, one of whom is John Bell of the Iona Community. Last month, he had something to say about the Church, after seeing a newspaper headline on Easter Day which read: ‘CHRISTIANITY IN CRISIS’:

“In fact the crisis is not in Christianity but in numeracy, by which I mean that a recent survey of church attendance indicated the number of people regularly worshipping in Scottish churches has halved in the last thirty years – a phenomenon which this nation shares with other parts of the United Kingdom. Perhaps that was not the most cheering news to read on Easter Day. But then, not everything that happened on Easter Day was cheering news. A number of artists have produced paintings depicting Mary Magdalene meeting Jesus in the garden, Jesus with whom she had a fond relationship and, naturally, reaching out to touch him. To her, as John's Gospel records, he says the rather disappointing words: 'Don't cling to me.' I can't think of that scene without remembering how a good friend of my mother referred to these very words when she wrote to her after

my Father's death. 'Don't hold on to David,' she wrote. 'Don't even keep his clothes. You will only have him if you let him go.' What, you might ask, has that to do with declining attendances at Christian worship? Quite a lot I think. Churches, for good or ill, are *institutions*. They are not God or the Gospel. And - as with all human institutions - nostalgia for our heritage, a fondness of tradition, and a fear for the future, can make people want sometimes to cling to what has been, rather than be open to what is to come if God is a dynamic presence rather than an historic relic. For me, the validation of the church's existence is not whether it is true to the 39 articles, or Luther's 95 theses or Calvin's Institutes of Religion or the second Vatican Council, but whether it offers a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven, an experience of what it means to be transformed by justice and joy, rooted faith and radical hospitality. This is not to denigrate tradition, but to ask whether our hands are so tied to the past that we cannot open them to serve God's tomorrow”

Freemasonry

Freemasonry has had a poor image in the past, due largely to its ‘secretiveness’ (which came about because Freemasons were in fear of persecution and death under the Nazis and met in secret). Among other things, it has been described as a *quasi* religion. Having been a Freemason for 52 years I can state quite categorically that nothing is further from the truth. If it were true, I could not have remained a member. I was introduced to Freemasonry by two Methodist friends in 1965 and the Lodge I joined had many Methodist members. Happily, Freemasonry is now much more open - indeed, it is possible to find out all about it on the Internet!

Freemasonry is a brotherhood and, as such, cares for and supports its members and their families in need. However, it is also outward-looking and makes significant grants to non-Masonic charities which improve the lives and well-being of people throughout the UK and it is among the first to support major relief appeals. Over the years it has given millions of pounds to Royal College of Surgeons for Research and to Hospices. During

the past year, donations have been made to: Action on Hearing Loss for pioneering research; Support young people estranged from family; The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities; the production of powered vehicles designed for pre-school children; St Werburghs City Farm in Bristol to support Urban Farmers Projects working with disadvantaged young people; SeeAbility for transforming eye care for children with learning disabilities. Nearer to home, defibrillators have been installed throughout Dorset and substantial donations have been made to Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and, in Sherborne, donations have been made to The Yeatman, St John's Almshouses, The Rendezvous and to Sherborne in Bloom

The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England is HRH The Duke of Kent. Freemasonry celebrates its 300th Anniversary this year on 24th June and there will be a parade and a Service in Sherborne Abbey on Sunday, 25th at 2.15pm. On the same day, the Lodge of Benevolence in Sherborne (which itself will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in September) will be open its doors to the Public

Please feel free to ask me about Freemasonry

Raymond Wood