



CHEAP STREET CHURCH

To know the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our teacher to show and share our faith

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is available for an urgent need or situation. Call any of these numbers and the circle of prayer will begin
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NEWSLETTER

21ST MAY 2020

I was speaking to a friend of mine from the Catholic Church in Sherborne. She said she had seen one of our newsletters and told me that they too had a newsletter every week. This week I have included the reminder, below, that was in their newsheet. I was also heartened by the news that a committee instigated by Pope Francis (The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity -known as HCHF) had called for a day of prayer and fasting on May 14 for an end to the Covid19 Pandemic. I did not hear about it in time to spread the word but thought that it was such good news that religious leaders, scholars and faithful from all around the world came together, laying aside their differences, to pray against the virus. A committee member noted - "seeing all believers come together in prayers and supplications for an end to this pandemic is dream come true of a universal human unity, which is much needed now more than ever." Amen to that!

I was recalling that when we started this lockdown most of us entered into it knowing full well what we had to do. We just got on with it. (Keeping isolated) Now ten weeks on and so many mixed messages leaves me wondering just what are we supposed to do? I hope you are not being too worn down by the mixed messages. I know it is important to keep your distance – but don't let it stop you from picking up the phone and talking to someone when the four walls become too much. Be kind. Share your thoughts.

With love,
Penny

A Reminder –

Sherborne Viral Kindness

If you know anyone who needs a meal especially our hard working NHS staff let us know. The meal will need reheating. Please email svkfood01@gmail.com or phone / text 07531 198791. Thank you to all the generous supporters who have funded the community kitchen so far. Sherborne Community Kitchen is staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers with food donated by local businesses. A main course with pudding is delivered out before noon to Sherborne and surrounding villages including Milborne Port, Poyntington and Alweston. All meals are prepared to strict hygiene rules by trained chefs and cooks. Mo and the team at the Cross Keys are doing us proud with excellent quality food. Please donate a few pounds if you can help keep this service going - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sherborne-community->

kitchen Or if you could help in anyway email julesbradburn@gmail.com or telephone 07884 115987 www.helpandkindness.co.uk

Sherborne Food Bank

is also in need of supplies if you are able to donate in any way look at www.sherbornefoodbank.org for more details.

Thursday Thought For the Day

By Revd Duncan Goodie

In 2006 Pluto was reclassified as a Dwarf Planet, by the International Astronomical Union (IAU). As it did not have the size to clear out all other object from its space neighbourhood. Perhaps at times we are a little too impressed by size. In most of the science fiction stories it is big powerful forces that threaten existence of life or the universe. One science fiction story that goes against that trend, begins with overwhelming technology of the Martians defeating the people of the earth is H G Wells, 1898 novel 'War of the World' that ends with the surprise of earth-borne viruses, defeating the Martians due to their immune systems being unable to cope with the viruses.

Jesus was not one to ignore the power of something so small that might not be seen, and its power to grow and change people and situations out of all recognition. In the parable of the Mustard Seed, [Matthew 13:31-32] Jesus picks a seed that was the smallest thing people could imagine, and says the Kingdom of Heaven or faith, like a mustard seed when planted will grow and change and develop, so that it will be seen and be a benefit to all people.

We might feel at time our faith is small, or the part we play is small, but it is important, like the boy with two small fish and five small rolls that Jesus used to feed over five thousand people, its effect in God's hands, can be far greater than we ever imagine.

Hymn Sing The Faith 255. The kingdom of God

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Whenever and wherever we pray in the silence of our hearts, we are part of a rich and powerful fellowship, which serves to sustain everyone in our Church Family. Anyone can join the prayer group by

just praying.

We are asked to remember:

- Deacon Rebekah-Joy Spinks and her family.
- The Miller Family, following the death of Linda.

We continue to hold in prayer all those who are in special need: Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; Gill Hunt; Kathy Crew; Colleen and Don Farquharson; Clive and Jill Turner, Ellie and Sophie; Myra Heard; Janet Dolling and her family; Judith Hayward and her family; Eileen Higgins; John Hicks's family; Martin Heal and Alex Palmer.

DUNCAN'S THOUGHT FOR THE COMING WEEK

Lectionary Readings for week beginning 24th May 2020.

Psalm 68, Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11, John 17:1-11.

Having just got used to the presence of the risen Jesus, there is the pain of separation for the disciples at the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. With the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit, there is a promise of a future new normal and a promise that one day the risen Jesus would return.

In the reading from John we have Jesus' prayer for us, as Jesus begins his departure and return to heaven. Jesus' prayer is that when we cannot physically see him, we will have the same connection with him that he had with his heavenly Father. Something that Peter in his letter is also trying to encourage his readers including us to do: that we will maintain our connection with Jesus, even in challenging circumstances. The circumstances we find ourselves in with the Coronavirus lockdown are very different from those of the original readers of the letter, but we face that same challenge in our circumstance: to do what is right and maintain our faith and connection to Jesus.

You are no doubt looking forward to the return of activities you enjoy that left our lives several weeks ago. How they return, such as sport without spectators or church services with limited numbers allowed to attend, will mean life as it returns will be different. But in all this change through our prayer, our study of the bible and current different ways of worship, we need to maintain our connection to Jesus, and with each other even while maintaining social distancing.

Hymn Singing The Faith 590. Jesus, we thus

obey

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Prayers for the persecuted church: Maldives - The idyllic beauty of this island nation hides an oppressive regime. Their constitution says that the nation "is 100% Muslim", and it is almost impossible for Christians to meet. Maldivians found to have converted would lose their citizenship. Expatriates are closely monitored and sharing the gospel with Muslims is illegal. Let us pray that secret believers would find miraculous ways to meet and study God's Word together. Also that God will break through this oppressive regime and make it a place where His name can be freely worshipped. Amen

NEWS

From Jackie Bullen

HOPE IN AFRICA - COVID 19 APPEAL

We are delighted and grateful to have received an encouraging response to our appeal to support our brothers and sisters in Africa, and we will be closing the appeal at the end of this month. If there are others who would like to make a donation, no matter how small, could you kindly send a cheque made payable to Cheap Street Church, with a note stating "HIA Appeal" to:

John Stinchcombe, The Old Oak, Dalwoods, Westbury, Sherborne, DT9 3ET, or Jackie Bullen, 2 Raleigh Court, Long Street, Sherborne, DT9 3EQ.

Alternatively you could complete a bank transfer to our bank account:

Cheap Street Church
HSBC, Yeovil
Sort Code: 40-41-23
A/C No: 41271970
Stating "HIA"

If you are able to allow Gift Aid to be claimed, please let us know (unless you have already advised John of this). Many thanks.

Thank You

From Margaret Field

Poem for May

May month means music

Maypole maidens mincingly

Meandering meadow-wards

Mid marigolds, musk mallows, mint.

Mingling merrily, munching macaroons

Marshmallows, moisture making melons,

Mulberry meringues, more, more, more

Maytime memories.

From Revd Lesley McCreddie –

On May 14th Palestinians observe Nakba Day - the day they were forced to leave their homes to make way for a new Israeli state. Many took the keys of their homes with them in the sincere hope that one day they would be allowed to return to them. Sadly this has never happened. Sherborne Abbey was to host a service to mark Nakba Day but obviously we have not been able to do so. Below is a link to a video that the planning group has prepared. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may be interested. You will notice that contributions come from the three main religions for whom the land is called Holy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pD-tOtZ2fU>

From Geoff

A sign of hope!



The Cheapstreeter

Raymond Wood raymondwood1949@gmail.com writes:

If you have anything for the church magazine, I would be grateful, if you could let me have it by Tuesday of next week, 26th May. Many thanks Raymond

Are you old enough to remember the War and, especially, VE Day on 8 May 1945? If you are, please send me your reminiscences – or those passed on to you by your parents or grandparents.

From The Sojourners

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.
- Genesis 33:4 (NIV)

Each contact with a human being is so rare, so precious, one should preserve it. - Anais Nin

PRAYER. God, may we cherish every moment we have with one another. God, in this time of deep loss, let us gain greater love, patience, and empathy for humanity

CHRISTIAN AID

This is the end of Christian Aid Week and it is a very

different one this year but the need for it continues. Click here to make a donation: [Christian Aid Week](#).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

BBC1: 11.45 am (times vary) – Rev Kathy Jones from Bangor Cathedral.

Radio 4: 8.10 am – Living Well While Waiting. With the Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox

10.30 am STPAULS@THEGRYPHON ON YOUTUBE – This includes Jono and Diane Tregale and several members of their congregation. You can sing along with the hymns!

Methodist resources: [click here](#).

URC resources: [click here](#). The digital edition of the URC monthly magazine *Reform* is on free access during the lockdown: [click here](#).

URC: [daily devotions and a Sunday service \(click here to subscribe\)](#).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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