



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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NEWSLETTER

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Have you noticed that despite staying home and staying safe there are times that are actually busier than others. This week seems to be one of those busy ones. But then if I told you what I am doing that keeps me busy – I would have to tell you about all the things I am THINKING about. To be honest – I am stymied from doing much because of Lockdown. But there is So Much to consider!

I have had a busy morning tying up the bits and pieces for the newsletter. Don't forget that we have two opportunities on Thursday to meet together. First in the morning we can all meet over coffee. Who knows how this will work but won't it be great being able to see those that we miss. The second thing tomorrow is the Church meeting in the evening. (The link and Agenda are in the accompanying email. If you don't have it let us know)

I received a chatty and informal email from Barbara Porter this week and with her permission have copied it here. So many of us have wanted news of her progress.

Alison Berry has kindly sent us a prayer rainbow which I have put on the last page so that it will be large enough to read. Don't miss it.

bb Many of you will remember that Cath and Annette made an appeal for gifts for the NHS staff. These have now been handed over to very appreciative staff. The staff were amazed that anybody could be so kind as to think of them.

And Who? I can hear you asking, is going to take over from George with the Newsletter. Read on. .

And I look forward to seeing many of you at 10.30 am tomorrow.

Much love,

Penny

SCATTERED THOUGHTS FROM BARBARA

I had thought that I was doing T4TD in January but as it was near the end of the month and I had not heard I assumed that someone else was doing it. So, no, I am not up to doing it. It was my intention to write a proper letter of thanks to people via the Newsletter but unless I have a sudden burst of energy in the next couple of hours that won't get done either. Dorset Health Care has been excellent. As well as supplying me with a bannister rail etc. last week they turned up with a 'stroller' like a Zimmer frame but on four wheels with brakes. In decent weather I am able to walk to the paper shop on the corner. Freedom! The wheelchair from the church has been appreciated. Rachael pushed me to the Digby Hall in it for my shot in the arm.

Apart from thinking straight it has taken me 30 minutes to type this letter so far. Made a mistake today. Have morphine tablets which make me sleepy- should have typed this letter to you before I took the morphine. Love to you. Keep safe'
Barbara

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

PASTORAL

Earlier this week we received the sad news that Richard Heaton's mother had died. We send our love and prayers to Richard and Lynne, to Richards brother Lewis, who lived with his mother, and to Lydia, Joseph and Holly on the loss of their grandmother.

We are also sending our love and prayers to Annette Worboys and her family and especially to her brother Winston who is very poorly, suffering from Covid19 in Dorchester Hospital.

We ask God's Blessing on both families.

Birthdays.

Happy Birthday to Janet Cole and Jean Hill who share the same date on Saturday 30th January.

Monday 1st. February Happy Birthday to John Stinchcombe.

Best wishes to you all from our Cheap Street Church Family.

I heard yesterday that Phyllis Batchelor fell during a visit to Castle Gardens before Christmas, and as a result suffered a broken arm. Phyllis has of course bounced back as she usually does and is fine.

We send her our love and best wishes.

Eirwen

FROM THE SECRETARY

Good news! Ruth Rogerson has just agreed to take over the fortnightly editing of the newsletter in place of George. You will remember that Ruth was responsible for the very successful Advent window displays around the town in the lead up to Christmas and I am sure she will do a good job with the newsletter too.

So thank you very much to both George and Ruth for their contributions to keep us together, in the past and in the future.

Janet

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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 hold in prayer Barbara and Dennis Porter; Eileen Higgins's son Robert and his wife Dawn; Clive and Jill Turner and Ellie and Sophie; Yve and Ken Ackroyd and all the family; Janet Baker; Martin Heal; Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; Eileen Higgins; Alex Palmer; Peter and Marjorie Kett.

We continue to remember the families of those who have died recently: Derek Hayward, Ron Dolling, Charles Pennington, Gill Hunt, John Hooper, Hilda Clarke, John Green, Graham Penlington and Brian Crew

In this strange time, when lots of time is being spent considering important decisions for all of us at Cheap Street Church, please pray for: all on our Church Council at the moment, And of course our minister Duncan. We should also remember all those getting their heads around the technology needed to broadcast our services on Sunday. They are trying hard to be all inclusive. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Bhutan - All Bhutanese citizens are expected to be Buddhists, and Christian churches are technically illegal. No churches are officially recognised by the state, and local authorities often refuse to issue Christians with the documents needed to gain employment, submit a loan application, register property or renew ID cards.

Praise God that the persecution has decreased in Bhutan, and let us pray that this will continue. We pray for courage and steadfastness for believers being pressured by their families and communities. Also that

efforts to persuade Christians in Bhutan will actually strengthen and unite them. Amen.

LETTERS

Those who are organizing the COVID vaccinations have asked that we pass on the following advice for **PEOPLE AGED 80 OR OLDER**. "If you are aged 80 or older and have not yet been offered your COVID vaccination please contact your surgery and let them know."

God be with you till we meet again,
Margaret Crossman

Thank you: for your prayers, cards and messages of support over the past week. I am delighted to say that my shingles turned out to be a very mild dose, and I am well and truly on the mend. I was delighted to receive a lovely bunch of yellow roses, from Waitrose, which had no card attached telling me who had sent them! If it was you, by any chance, do please let me know so that I may express my thanks - it was such a kind gesture. I hope to see you at the Coffee Morning on Thursday. With love, Jackie.

From Ruth Rogerson

Please note: If you read the newsletter directly in your e-mail, it may appear in a compressed form - and the images may be on top of the text. To see the proper format, just click on 'download' and open that to see the full version.

If you need help to download, please ask.



Thank you for the lovely noticeboards
I went past the church yesterday and noticed our beautiful and vibrant noticeboards.

I have taken some photos, so everybody can see and admire them in these times where we are all staying at home. Huge thanks to Lynn Heaton for her initiative, her creativity and for finding the right words that are relevant and uplifting for all! The colourful noticeboards really catch your eye when you go past and their message shares love and care. Well done. Thank you, Lynn!

Kind regards,
Ruth



Rotary Launches Sherborne Area Primary Schools Laptop Appeal

The Rotary Club of Sherborne Castles has launched a campaign to raise funds for primary schools in the Sherborne Area Schools Trust (SAST) so they can provide laptops to disadvantaged pupils enabling them to fully access remote learning during the lockdown.

Mr Ian Bartle, Headteacher of Sherborne Primary School, said "*many of the families at our school do not have computers or tablets. The children are therefore unable to engage with the school's provision for learning at home.*" The school has already distributed a significant number of devices, but Mr Bartle estimates that there is a need for about 40 more at Sherborne Primary School alone.

Pupils without computers at home can access the necessary resources by attending school. However, the demand for places for children who qualify to attend far exceeds the number schools can safely accommodate and teach.

It is particularly important that children are properly supported to work at home, if they can - keeping themselves and their families safe.

The 'Sherborne Area Primary Schools Laptop Appeal' is seeking to raise funds so the schools can purchase additional laptops that can be loaned to pupils who need them. This means the schools will also provide support and maintenance for the devices. A laptop with the necessary specification can be purchased for less than £200, so any amount of funds raised will make a difference.

The appeal will benefit all of the Trust's primary schools, which includes schools in Sherborne, Buckland Newton, Shillingstone, Yetminster, Bradford Abbas, Thornford, Gillingham and others. For more information on the trust please visit the [SAST website](#).

If you would like more information or to make a donation then please visit www.rcsc.org.uk/laptop

THE MINISTER'S THOUGHTS FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 31st January 2021 Epiphany 4.

Psalms 111, Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28.

We live in a world in which we have many false prophets and proclaimers of false news and false claims. One example of a false secular prophet is that every month or so I will get a text claiming to be from my telephone company saying I need to update or correct my account details. They are lucky that the penalties that our passage in Deuteronomy sets do not apply. But it does emphasise the importance that Deuteronomy places on people receiving news and information that is true, and not just what they might want or like to hear.

In our reading from Corinthians, Paul is delivering a message that is not what either

side of the argument wants to hear about whether it was right to eat food that had previously been used as an offering in ceremonies to honour other gods, which in reality did not exist. On one hand Paul says these ceremonies had no effect on the food, but if it was a problem to others who used to believe in these gods then it should not be eaten. Love for one another should dictate our actions, and we should not do anything which will damage another's faith in Jesus.

In our reading from Mark, we join Jesus as he is teaching in a Capernaum Synagogue; this teaching is interrupted when a man harbouring an evil spirit enters the Synagogue and the evil spirit shouts out who Jesus truly is. Jesus silences the spirit and commands it to leave the man, not on this occasion for fake news, but to heal the man and because this was not a source that Jesus wanted people to find out about him. The source of truth about who Jesus is, which Jesus has chosen, is those who have freely chosen to place their faith in him, in short us, as we are the deliverers of the Good News about Jesus who Jesus has chosen.

Hymn Singing The Faith 162. The prophet's voice comes down the years

Duncan

Order of Zoom Service – 3.00 pm Sunday

ZOOM SERVICE 31st January 2021 3:00pm Epiphany 4.

Notices

Welcome & Call to Worship. Matthew 5:3

Music. Singing the Faith 88. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Prayer

Readings Deuteronomy 18:14-22. Mark 1:21-28.

Sermon

What do the readings say to you?

Music. Singing the Faith 345. And can it be that I should gain

Prayers

Music Singing the Faith 59. Lord the light of
Your love is shining,

Benediction

ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY WORSHIP

SHERBORNE ABBEY -The Abbey Services
are also suspended until it is safe to come
together in worship.

Radio 4: 8.10 am – Belfast, a City Shaped by
the Sea [Sunday Worship](#)
A Service led by the Very Rev Stephen Forde,
Dean of Belfast

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](#)).

**There are a lot more resources on the
Methodist Church Web page.**

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Rainbow Prayers

Red is the colour of bravery: pray for those people who are having to be brave at the moment

Orange is the colour of waiting: pray about having to be patient and things we are having to wait for

Yellow is the colour of sunshine: what can you say thank you for?

Green is the colour of growth: pray about the people who are growing and producing our food

Blue is a peaceful colour: pray people who are anxious at this time, that they would know God's peace

Indigo is a sad colour: pray for those who are sad or lonely

Violet is a royal colour, the colour of leaders: pray for the people in our government, that they will make wise decisions