



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

3rd March 2021

Cheap Street Zoom Coffee Morning

The joining instructions for our Coffee Morning on Thursday, 4th March at 10.30am are in this week's email.

Information from the Minister

The Cheap Street **Annual General Meeting** via Zoom is on Thursday, 4th March 2021 at 7pm.

Agenda

1. Opening devotions
2. Agree that this virtual meeting is legally constituted
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Pastoral News
5. Minutes of the last meeting
6. Matters arising
7. Reports (CWW, Pastoral, Property & Finance)
8. Approval of Accounts
9. Election of New Councillors
10. Election of Officers (Church Secretary, Treasurer, Property Stewart)
11. Update on the Pod, (54 Cheap Street.) by Rob Hooper.
12. Acts 435
13. Easter and Prayer Day (9th March)
14. Safeguarding
15. Close of Meeting

Cheap Street Worship

ORDER OF ZOOM SERVICE– 3.00 pm Sunday 7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT *Duncan Goldie - leading worship*

Notices

Welcome & Call to Worship. Habakkuk 2:20.

Music. Singing the Faith 55. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

Prayer

Readings 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. John 2:13-22.

Sermon

What do the readings say to you?

Music. Singing the Faith 255. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,

Prayers

Music Singing the Faith 544. As the deer pants for the water,

Benediction

Duncan's Message

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 7th March 2021 Lent 3.

Psalm 19, Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22.

In the past week the government scientists have stressed the need to still obey the lockdown rules, in order to prevent any resurgence of Covid 19. An echo of Psalm 19 that stresses the need to keep God's laws, and seek God's help to not to commit the sins that we too easily slip into. In Exodus we have a record of Moses receiving what we know as the ten commandments that detail rules that help us to live our lives in a way that means we live in peace with God and each other. It is not the only rules and regulations that Moses communicates from God but it is the ones that we first think of when we think of how God wants us to live our lives.

The problem with the rules is not with the rules themselves but what happens when we fail to keep the rules, what are the consequences and how is that failure dealt with? For Israel, failure to keep the rules was dealt with by the offering of sacrifices at the Temple in Jerusalem. An item or animal was offered as a sacrifice; this could not be any old thing, but had to be the best that could be offered. That had come to mean that a sacrifice was unlikely to be allowed to be used unless it was purchased inside the temple court from an official trader having been passed as suitable to be sacrificed. It meant that people were exploited and effectively stolen from by having to buy sacrifices at very inflated prices. A practice that broke a number of the commandments, including taking God's name in vain and not to steal. Jesus' actions in the temple court put halt on that for at least a day.

With Jesus' death and resurrection, God began a new way of dealing with our failure to live life as we should that no longer required the sacrifices made by priests in the temple, because of the sacrifice of his Son on our behalf.

Hymn Singing The Faith 497. God in my living,

Pastoral News

Christina has at last had surgery to repair the detached retina. She is not allowed to do much at all until her check up at the hospital next week.

We send our love and prayers to Christina with best wishes for a good recovery.

We also send our love and prayers to Margaret Walker who had a Cataract removal last week.

Belated Greetings to Dennis Porter who had a birthday on Monday 1st.March,
St. David's Day! Best wishes to you from all at Cheap Street Church.

With love and prayers to you all.

Eirwen Cox

Prayers for the persecuted church

Somalia has a population of over 16 million, of whom only a few hundred are Christians. It is impossible to publicly admit your Christian faith there. Islam is considered a crucial part of Somali identity, and if any Somali is suspected of having converted to Christianity, they are in great danger. Members of their family, clan or community will harass, intimidate or even kill them. Christians are also in danger from the extremists al-Shabaab, who consider Christians from a Muslim background a 'high-value target'. They often execute believers on the spot, when discovered.

Let us pray that the families of those murdered for their faith will receive the comfort of their Heavenly Father; for a strong church to grow among Somali people, relying on Jesus; and for those who kill Christians to be convicted with the fear of the Lord. Amen.

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 hold in prayer Tom and Marian Carmichael, Myra Heard at Eastbury House, 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; 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 Pennington and Brian Crew.

The Prayer Ring is available for an urgent need or situation.

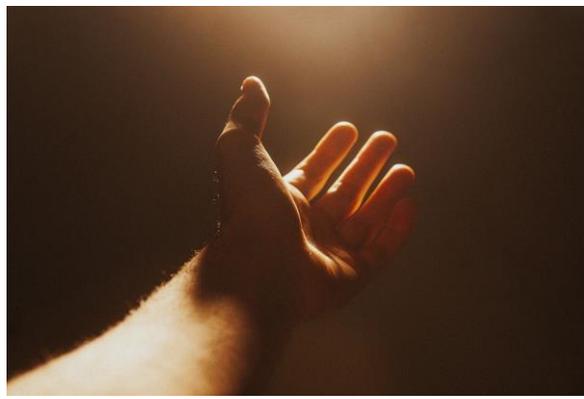
Call any of these numbers and the circle of prayer will begin:

Eirwen Cox 01935 815960, Penny Gardner 01935 389153, Janet Le Moignan 01935 389662.

A BIG THANK-YOU to my church family for all their prayer and care after my eye operation. As so often, the operation was more straightforward than the after-care. I now have to spend 50 minutes out of every hour with my head held still and to one side - good discipline, doubtless, but not exactly fun! This goes on for 2-8 weeks (nearer the first, I hope). But I thank God for the NHS - and that He is a healing God.

Christina Le Moignan

Your prayer is important!



HELP!

Have you got time? (Can you really say “NO” to this?)

Can you help? Don't worry! Helping does not mean leaving the comfort and safety of your home or going on the computer. It means giving up 30 minutes to be still, listen and pray in any way that you are accustomed to praying.

Next Tuesday Cheap Street Church is having a day of Prayer. It will run from 8 am to 8pm. The last half hour (7.30 to 8.00 pm) we will join together on Zoom – IF you have a computer – and end the day with a celebration and a chance to share.

We have several spaces left so if you can help, please ring Jan Wallace on 01935 389774 and she will be able to tell you what times we need your support.

Possible ideas for prayer-

Being Thankful for our own health; NHS; The Vaccine; Friends and family.

We are seeking God's vision for the future of Cheap Street Church. Do we need to make changes or remain the same? The POD is launching in the next few weeks. Will this play an important part in our future? Do you want to be involved?

COVID; Those without jobs; those living in poverty; Areas of the World suffering under unstable leadership

There is great power in prayer. Come on! Let's use that prayer muscle!

Penny Gardner

Thought for the Day

As we have been thinking about our Prayer Day next week, I have been reminded of the Lord's Prayer. His disciples asked Jesus how to pray and he gave them these words, (Matthew 6: 7-14) a pattern prayer that is used today by Christians all over the world, very often on a daily basis. We tend to use the traditional form of the prayer, but really I think this more modern form that is in the back of our hymn book is more appropriate for today's world -

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The prayer starts by focusing on God, worshiping him and asking that his kingdom may be established on earth and his will be done. Then there are requests for his gifts to us for basic needs, for food, for forgiveness, for protection. And finally the prayer acknowledges God's kingdom, his power and his glory. So it starts with God and it finishes with God. In between it asks him to provide for us as a good father would - but it is our Father, not my Father. It asks that we, all of us, are delivered from evil, not just me. And saying the prayer together as a Church unites all the people there in worshiping God.

I know I have told some of you before about a church in Birmingham, which Christina used to go to when she wasn't preaching and I sometimes joined her. It had a congregation of people from many different parts of the world, and always everyone was invited to say the Lord's Prayer in their first language. So we prayed together but each individual was speaking to God in the most natural way for them. For me it was a privilege to be part of such a diverse company, and a reminder of being part of the World Church.

Each and everyone of us is individually known and loved by God, but we also need to think of ourselves of part of a company of Christians and be ready to join together in worship and action. So as we prepare for our Prayer Day next Tuesday, perhaps you may find the Lord's Prayer helpful. Prayer, could start with looking to God and asking for his kingdom to come and his will to be done, here in Sherborne, in our Church and community. Although we may physically pray alone, I believe we shall be joined together in Spirit and God will hear our prayers.

A hymn to think about StF 255 the kingdom of God is justice and joy

Janet LeMoignan

Photos of the shop



Worship Resources

Radio 4 Sunday Worship at 8.10am: Lent 3 – **young people in lockdown.** Led by Jamie Cutteridge from the UK's first bespoke ecumenical Christian community serving young people.

Click here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sxfp>

Methodist resources: [click here](#). URC resources: [click here](#).

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

A poem for the week



A Light exists in Spring

by
Emily Dickinson

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the Year
At any other period —
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But Human Nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,
It shows the furthest Tree
Upon the furthest Slope you know
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step
Or Noons report away
Without the Formula of sound
It passes and we stay —

A quality of loss
Affecting our Content
As Trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a Sacrament.

Contributions to future newsletters

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