



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

25th March 2021



As we approach Holy Week I feel a dark stillness. It is as though all the events of the last year are slowly coming to a head. There is news of the Churches reopening for Easter – in celebration. (This despite URC recommendations that they remain closed until Pentecost.) There will be great rejoicing at being able to see our friends. But all this is tempered with extreme caution. Please read Janet's guidance.

There are many opportunities to pray about the reopening of churches (and much more). We can always pray individually but the circuit is offering us chances to join with others. See letter from Rev Paul Arnold and invitation to the testimony of Rebeka-Joy Spinks.

Also after the success of Cheap Street's 12 hours of prayer we will be again praying for 12 hours on the 6th of April. Please contact Jan Wallace if you would like to claim a 30 minute slot. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18: 20.

You still have a chance to bring your Easter eggs to the church for staff at the Yeatman Hospital. Eirwen and Jenn will be there to collect them between 10.00 am and 12.00 on Friday and Saturday this week.

bbFinally some prose (in the style of Pam Ayres?)
to ponder for Holy week –
KEEPING THE PEACE
By Pontius Pilate

He is so calm, so cool.
He acts as if I am the fool.
Out there its as if he implied.
I was the one being tried.
They say that he prophesies;
Yet I have the power
To determine the hour
Whether he lives or dies.
These wretched Jews
With their bigoted views
I'm sick of their intrigue and lies.
I don't understand their belief,
Now my wife is giving me grief,
I'm tired of these peoples' cries.
I find that the charge is not great
And I'm not the head of this state
So why should I agonise?
Let Herod deal with the man,
I've done everything that I can.
Odd – I can't bear to look at his face;
Still – I wash my hands of this case.

At Passover, for one man accused
There is a tradition that's used;
A practice has here been retained
Where Jews free a man that's detained.
This custom I could supervise,
If Herod thinks Jesus should die
It is not for me to ask why.
So if Jesus is sent back to me
The crowd can choose who they free;
Should Bar-abbas, the traitor to Rome
Or the peaceful young rabbi go home.
I will do my best to advise
But if the mob pick the wrong name
They will have only themselves to blame.
If Bar-abbas I have to release

Well- my job here is keeping the peace.
Any guilt I must exorcise.
Its important I never lose face
So – I shall wash my hands of this case.

By Muriel Martin

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

By Don Farquharson

The survivor

The following poem is very well known and the feelings are something that we can often identify with.

However the person involved is looking back and although remembering those most painful periods, they are in the past. They came through them.

The psalms are places of great encouragement but also places we feel life in the raw.

Ps 13. How long O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

As we come towards the climax of the Easter story our thoughts go to the agony of Gethsemane. How alone did Jesus feel?

Then the words from the Cross. My God why have you forsaken me? Was he alone? Some say at the point of carrying our sin he was separated from His father. But he was a survivor as the Resurrection shows.

We are people of feelings so if I feel alone I must be alone.

God wants us to become people who know the facts.

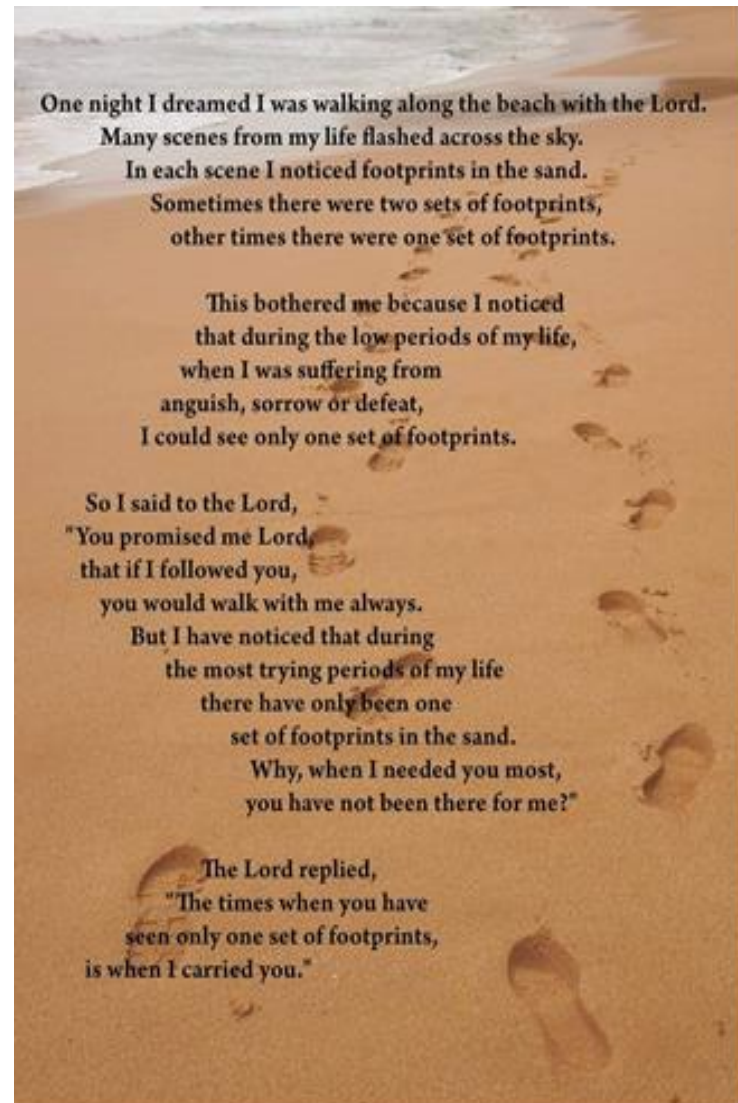
I will never leave you..I am with you always
...Remain in my love. I have put MY Spirit in you working with your Spirit to give you the Spirit of power and love and self control.

None of us will be immune from troubles. We already know that deep down. Jesus promised it and his followers have experienced it ever since, some in horrific ways

How will we react?. I hope in the words of STF 351 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand [In](#)

Christ Alone

Don



FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Thank you to everyone who responded to the request to let us know how you would feel about starting up services in church again in April. Replies coming back were - Yes 49, Not yet 19, Don't know 9. This was a helpful guide to the Church Council for deciding what to do.

We plan to open for worship in church on Easter Sunday, 4th April at 10.30am and this will include Communion. We shall also have a 10.30am church service on 18th April. On 11th and 25th April we shall revert to Zoom services at 3.00pm. During this month we will decide the way forward for May, but we do intend to have our Covenant Service, held over from 3rd January, in church on 2nd May with Communion.

We shall not be meeting this year on Maundy Thursday but the church will be open for private prayer on Good Friday between 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

Those who use the offertory envelopes will find your pack for this year in the welcome area. Should you be delivering for our Easter Egg appeal on Friday or Saturday between 10.00am and 1200 noon this week you could pick up your envelopes then or else whenever the church is open after that.

As we do open, please can I remind everybody that we will still have restrictions to follow as it was when we were open last time. We need to keep socially distanced all the time and please wait until you are outside for conversations instead of using the church or the welcome area. We cannot sing Easter hymns, but Janet English will play them on the organ and we can sing them in our hearts.

It will be really good to celebrate Easter worship together in church and we shall be remembering those of our number who are not yet able to physically join us.

Janet

PASTORAL

Barbara Porter is making good progress at home after leaving the Care Home. Christina Le Moignan is also making good progress.

We give thanks for the care they have both received and send our love and prayers for their continued recovery.

Electric Wheelchairs. (NOT Buggys) If anyone in Church has need of one, or you know of anyone, there are two available FREE.

PLEASE contact Rodney on Tel. No. 01935 507176 Sherborne.

No Birthdays this week. I hope I haven't missed anyone!!

With love and prayers to you all.
Eirwen

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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; Tom Carmichael; Clive and Jill Turner and Ellie and Sophie; Yve and Ken Ackroyd and all the family; Janet Baker; Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; 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

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

Eritrea - is the 6th most persecuted country on the World Watch List, despite half the population of 5.4 million being Christians. Those from non-traditional denominations face the harshest persecution, both from the government and from the Eritrean Orthodox Church - the only Christian denomination recognised by the government, controlled by those in power. Government security forces monitor phone calls, scrutinise activity and conduct countless raids that target Christians, seize Christian materials and damage house churches. Christians can be arrested and imprisoned in appallingly inhumane conditions, without trial. Their loved ones often don't know if they are still alive. Let us pray for believers in prison, and their families, to know God's provision; that church leaders would have

wisdom to engage with their government on the issue of religious freedom, and that believers would remain steadfast in their faith. Amen.

HOPE IN AFRICA

It is good to know that all the schools supported by Hope in Africa have now reopened, with some students back in class, and others returning in stages - some in April and the final classes in June. However, no nursery classes are to return as the little children are considered unable to social distance. Once this term has concluded by the end of August, a new year will start in September.

In Lugazi, in Uganda, at the Ray of Hope primary school which we support, there are about ten children who will be sitting final primary exams from 31st March for several days. This includes the eldest two of Manasseh's grandchildren, Kevin and Isaac. The outcome of these exams determines the secondary school attendance they will be able to do. Kevin has been very able so far in primary. Manasseh lives in great hardship in the house next to where I used to stay. John Ray and I often met with him and his extended family, and some the grandchildren are sponsored by Hope in Africa. We pray that the children will be able to continue in education, to help raise them out of extreme poverty.

In Malawi, Pastor Damson is putting together a proposal for a *posho* mill (to turn maize into flour). Let us pray that this will come to fruition and that Hope in Africa will be able to assist him in this income generating project.

We pray, too, for Matthew and Michelle who of course have been unable to visit Africa, due to the pandemic, but they continue to work tirelessly to maintain contact, provide encouragement and raise funds to improve the plight of our brothers and sisters in Africa.

Jackie Bullen

RESET THE DEBT

Covid has meant a big increase in the number of families in serious debt. A campaign run by the churches is asking the Chancellor to act on

this. See the website on 'Reset the Debt' to find out how you can help - Or, if you are not on line I can let you have more information. *Christina Le Moignan*

LETTERS



Give thanks for your job
Have you or your loved ones had your vaccine?
To show your appreciation would you like to help families who have lost everything as they face the threat of this deadly virus?

Christian Aid is asking for support in its work with refugees and families who have fled violence and hunger in countries suffering conflict. Many live in crowded refugee and displacement camps with little access to medical care, clean water or enough food, making them extremely vulnerable to COVID.

There are the following options to contribute online:

- the [Christian Aid Appeal](#)
- the [Southampton Methodist District Appeal](#), which has already raised more than three times the initial target of £2,600
- the [URC Appeal](#), which has exceeded its £10,000 target.

You can send me a cheque payable to *Cheap Street Church Sherborne*. Please indicate if Gift Aid can be claimed on your donation.

You'll also be able to contribute by cheque or cash when worship resumes at Cheap Street.

George Faris (01935 420258)

From Rev Paul Arnold

Our Superintendent Minister Paul Arnold has invited us to join a Circuit Prayer Meeting This Friday, the 26th of March, at 7.00pm.. The invitation is that, we join together in prayer for the future life of our Circuit as we begin to emerge from the present lockdown conditions and churches and Circuit begin to prioritise for the future... The Zoom link is in the accompanying email.

**ZOOM SERVICE 28th March 2021
3:00pm Lent 6 Palm Sunday.**

Notices

Welcome & Call to Worship. John 12:31,32.
Now is the hour of judgement for
this world, now shall the prince of this world be
driven out. And when I am lifted up from the
earth I shall draw everyone unto myself.

Music. Singing the Faith 262. All glory, laud and
honour

Prayer

Readings Psalm 118:1-4 & 19-29. Mark 11:1-11.

Sermon

What do the readings say to you?

Music. Singing the Faith 265. Ride on! ride on
in majesty!

Prayers

Music Singing the Faith 351. In Christ alone my
hope is found

Benediction

**THE MINISTER'S THOUGHTS FOR THIS
COMING WEEK**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 28th March
2021 Lent 6.

Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29, Mark 11:1-11 & John
12:12-16.

This Sunday is the day the clocks go forward
and we lose an hour's sleep. But it also heralds
that summer is just around the corner and the
lighter evenings are here once again. Jesus'
ride into Jerusalem on what we know as Palm
Sunday acts as a herald for what is to come. It
is more a parade on the way to the cross and
victory, rather than a victory parade. In the
way that Mark and John describe the ride into
Jerusalem by Jesus, the imagery of Psalm 118
can clearly be seen, though this Psalm

originally would have been used in a parade
that followed a successful military campaign or
victory, when the danger they faced had been
defeated.

In the roll out of the Covid 19 vaccination
programme, we have also have a herald of the
future, with the hoped for defeat of the virus on
a world wide scale. When Jesus rode into
Jerusalem it was not just for the people of
Israel that he was going to give up his life on a
cross, but to defeat the power of sin to control
and destroy us, for all time and for all of
humanity that has ever lived or will ever live in
the future.

It is good to celebrate the future which Jesus
rode into Jerusalem to bring about.

Hymn Singing The Faith 265. Ride on, ride on
in majesty! [Click here](#)

Duncan

**SERVICE OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY:
DEACON REBEKAH-JOY SPINKS,**

Weds 31st March, 7.00pm, on 'Zoom'

We are beginning to discover again the power
of 'Testimony' – the simple telling of a faith
story that is personal and compelling. The
Methodist Church has been encouraging us to
do this as widely as possible in our everyday
dealings with friends and family, in the
workplace or online, but we do it in a formal
sense prior to a minister being Ordained.
Because of the Covid crisis, Rebekah-Joy's
ordination has been postponed for a year (!) –
but finally we can see a probable date (in
June). Now we all have the opportunity to hear
her story and support her as she takes this
next significant step in ministry. The service
will be led by Rev Paul Arnold, music will be
provided by Daniel England and the Preacher
will be The Chair of District, Rev Andrew de
Ville. Here are the Zoom log-in details – please
join this service if you are able....

The link for joining is on the email with the
newsletter.

ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY WORSHIP

SHERBORNE ABBEY –Is now open on Sundays

Radio 4: 8.10 am – A Palm Sunday celebration with a sermon from this year's winner of the national 'Theology Slam' competition. Service led by Methodist minister Revd Dr Calvin Samuel. [Sunday Worship](#)

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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