



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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**THE POD
GRAND OPENING!!!!
Ribbon Cutting at 10 am
Don't Miss it!**



Here we are on the cusp of change again. We have at last been let out to meet up with a limited number of people outdoors. And what a blessing! The weather has been brilliant, especially this week, for sitting in the sunshine and drinking in the beauty of His world

and our friends and families. Last Sunday was particularly special as we gathered outside for our last hymn following a service led by Martin Heal.

Janet's report has lots of information about changes approved by the Church Council on Tuesday.

Can I remind you of two important appeals? Last week George invited us to donate to the Christian Aid Appeal or the Southampton Methodist District Appeal to give thanks for our vaccine and enable others to have theirs. The second is to consider becoming an ECO Church. Information on both is in last week's newsletter or contact me and I will forward the articles.

Penny.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – April 22nd
By Jackie Bullen

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in his foreword to the fascinating book which he commissioned for Lent, by the Revd Hannah Steele, says "Evangelism – the spreading of the gospel – requires us to tell a story that is both universal and deeply personal. Stories are how we connect, how we say something about being collectively human, how we share experiences and realize that we have shared experiences. Stories are how we make sense of the world around us and our place in it. Stories are how we learn more about our identity and our relationships to others."

So, if we want to engage in fruitful conversation with others, we need to be prepared to listen to their stories in order to understand them, and hopefully as the

relationship grows we will find opportunities to tell some of our own stories about how we came to meet with Jesus, and what He means to us in our lives. For many people, this is a scary prospect, yet Jesus spent his life telling stories, and asking people questions. I guess we all need to ask The Lord to give us confidence to step out of our comfort zones when the right moments arise.

For the past four years I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the ecumenical Bible Study Group which was run by the late David Smart, and is now organised by John Crossman. These sessions give us plenty of opportunities to share stories about our faith, ask each other questions, help each other with those things we don't understand, and discuss every-day issues, all in total confidence.

We're split into two groups, one which is held at Ann Smart's home in The Ridgeway on Wednesday evenings, and the other at my home in Raleigh Court, Long Street. Under current Covid restrictions we are not allowed to meet in groups indoors, so our group have not met over the past year. It is now hoped that we'll be able to meet in groups of six from 17th May, so our group will be reconvening on a weekly basis from Friday, 21st May at 2.30, for six weeks. We usually spend no more than an hour discussing the bible passage, then share tea, biscuits and friendly chat together. This all gives us a chance to really get to know each other.

During the coming session we will be studying Paul's letter to the Galatians, and John has produced an extremely helpful background paper, as well as some questions which we'll all be able to discuss together. It's very informal and everyone seems to enjoy joining in.

Since we have more than six people wishing to attend, we are hoping to split into two groups, with one meeting at Christine Rogers's home in Portman Square. We would therefore like to invite anyone interested in joining us, or finding out more, to contact either of us at the numbers below. It would be so good to have you with us so that we can gain confidence in sharing our stories together.

For Friday afternoons groups: Jackie Bullen – 01935 813112 or Christine Rogers – 01935

815216

For Wednesday evening group on Skype:
John Crossman – 01935 813962

A verse from Hymn 415 in Singing the Faith,
by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating Word.

Lord, please help us to live in the joy of walking with Jesus, and to share that joy with those we meet.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

The Church Council met on Tuesday and we decided that we should now be opening up the Church more in the current situation. It was unanimously agreed to have weekly Sunday services at 10.30am in the church from 2nd May, although it would still be necessary to observe Covid requirements. For those who wished to be well separated, the gallery would be available. We also decided to restart Thought for the Day from Thursday 6th May at 10.30am. For the present, we are still intending to keep the weekly newsletter going, so that those not able to attend church will still have a link with these services. Our last Sunday service on Zoom will be this coming Sunday, 25th April but we shall continue to use Zoom for meetings.

We discussed the possibility of Team Meetings, which have been missing for quite a while, and are now asking Team Chairs to consider when they might meet, either on Zoom or, for up to 6 people, in a garden or other open space. We are also inviting the Rendezvous Young Mums to return to their weekly meeting in the hall. All these decisions, are of course subject to the level of the pandemic, but we go forward in hope.

This coming Saturday we have the fulfilment of a dream, as The Pod is officially opened at 10.00am by the Mayor of Sherborne. A lot of thought, time and effort has gone into getting this project off the ground, and this will be the start of something new, engaging the local community, and something the Church

believes God is calling us to do. So please come to support all those working in The Pod at the Opening on Saturday if you can, and continue to support The Pod in the days that lie ahead. Thank you.

Janet



We shall sing and Praise the Lord!

PASTORAL

This week our chief Pastoral visitor is in need of prayer. Eirwen had her knee replaced on Monday. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Tomorrow Jan Wallace goes in for keyhole surgery on her Gall Bladder. Our prayers go with you.

Birthdays

April seems to be a busy month for Birthdays!

- 21st. Janet Baker
- 23rd. Jim Walker
- 25th. Marjorie Kett who will be 80!
- 25th. Pat Heal
- 25th. Ruth Rogerson
- 25th. Paul Hodges
- 27th Molly Hooper.

Best wishes to each of you, from us all at Cheap Street Church.



With love and prayers to you all.

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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 Michael and Hilary Brown's Daughter in law in the final stages of cancer; Cathy Crew; 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 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.

EXTRA PRAYER PLEASE!

A lady with an autistic son, came into the Pod today and asked us to pray for her grandson. Her daughter, five months pregnant, and 15 month old grandson, Zachariah, were involved in an accident where her car rolled over 6 times. Zachariah is in Birmingham children's hospital with a bleed to the brain and no movement in one of his arms. Maureen (grandmother) is hoping he will be brought to Bristol children's hospital, so she can get to see him. She thanks God that 2 men and a nurse were passing by, and rescued them from the car, otherwise she has been told Zachariah would have died.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Prayers for the persecuted church: India - If you're a Christian, you're not an Indian. That's the message from Hindu extremists in India, who use extensive violence to achieve their stated goal of ridding India of Christians. Anti-conversion laws are used to harass Christians. Nine states have these laws currently, and some are arguing they should be rolled out across the whole country. Christians might be ostracised or attacked by their neighbours, or locked up for their faith. Let us praise God that many are coming to faith in India through miraculous healings and courageous witness. Let us pray for protection from attack for Indian believers, particularly new Christians, and for courage, wisdom and protection for Open Doors partners helping those most in need. Also for India's leaders as they struggle to deal with the huge surge in Covid 19 infections, that they may receive the vaccines they urgently need. Amen.

Books for The Pod

If anyone has any Christian books they would like to donate to The Pod project, please let me know and I can pick them up from you this week. They will need to be in good condition. If you would like to write a short review for any of them before you pass them on, that would be great! Many thanks, Lynn 01963 251747

LETTERS

Yeovil Street Pastors

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets. We are volunteers from over 20 Christian congregations working as a team to be a caring presence and a listening ear to people who may need it, helping people to stay safe whilst they are out at night. During the covid pandemic, Yeovil StreetPastors suspended patrols but with the gradual lifting of restrictions, we are prayerfully considering at what point it would

be safe and appropriate to return.



We are very thankful for the prayerful support from local churches. If you are interested in coming out for a short time with us as an observer, please contact

Christine Thomas on 07704 969 366 or email yeovil@streetpastors.org.uk

**ZOOM SERVICE 25th April 2021 3:00pm
Easter 4.**

Notices

Welcome & Call to Worship. Isaiah 40:11.

Music. Singing the Faith 103. God is love let heaven adore him;

Prayer

Readings Psalm 23:1-6. John 10:11-18.

Sermon

What do the readings say to you?

Music. Singing the Faith 481. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

Prayers

Music Singing the Faith 692. Your hand, O God, has guided

Benediction

THE MINISTER'S THOUGHTS FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 25th April 2021 Easter 4.

Psalm 23, Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18.

This past week with the funeral of Prince Philip, we have seen in people's response a reaction of love; although the laying down of flowers had been discouraged, in the act of the messages attached there has been a response based on love. Again in those

whose natural response would have to been present in Windsor for the funeral, in their staying at home and watching it on television as requested by the Royal Family, there is again an act of love in these Covid 19 times.

John in his letter talks about allowing response to others as being an integral part of our loving response to God. The opening of the Cheap Street outreach project named 'The Pod' which was delayed by a week due to the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh is a loving response to those in need in response to the love of God which we know.

In Acts, Peter when asked to explain how he was able to heal a lame man, said that it is all because of God's loving response to us, ultimately seen in what the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son, has brought about. It is that same love that the Psalmist expresses in Psalm 23, that no matter what is going on around us or how life is treating us, the God of love is with us.

Hymn Singing The Faith 481. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; [Click Here](#)

Duncan

ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY WORSHIP

SHERBORNE ABBEY –Is now open on Sundays

Radio 4: 8.10 am – As restrictions slowly ease we reflect on the relationships that have helped us through the past year. Led by Canon Ann Easter, sermon by Dr Krish Kandiah. [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 \(click here to subscribe\)](#).

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

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