

**Prayer for the persecuted church: Eritrea** – who aren't members of state-approved churches are considered agents of the West and a threat to the State. Hundreds of these Christians are in prison – some have been held captive for over a decade. Heavenly Father, we pray that those facing violence and oppression may know Your love and Your presence. Help Your church to proclaim the gospel to the nation. We ask your blessing on the courageous church leaders who are prepared to stand up and be counted for You, whatever the cost. Amen.

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Next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a presentation about **the Ruach Community** in the Upper Room in Digby Memorial Hall at 6.30 to 8.00 pm. The remarkable story of establishing a community home for Intellectually disabled adults in Nicaragua will be told by Astrid Delleman, Co-founder and Coordinator, the Ruach Foundation. All are welcome

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**The Green Shed**, the charity we have been supporting for three years, is to hold an Open Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 9 until 5pm to celebrate their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Refreshments including tea and coffee will be provided. The Green Shed provides practical work for adults with learning difficulties and memory problems. They make wooden items which are sold in Castle Gardens and tend to the raised beds in the garden centre. Barry Watts, the coordinator, will be on hand at the Open Day to explain how members are helped by the companionship and support they receive. We will be holding a plant sale for the Green Shed on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> when Barry will join us. Don't throw those perennials you no longer want on the compost heap. Keep them for the plant sale! They may be just what someone else is looking for. Barbara Porter

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*Holy God, let us be a people who do not turn a blind eye to poverty and injustice. Let us follow in the ways of your son, Jesus, living in community and standing in solidarity with those in need. Amen.*

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Church Website. If you have any information, photos etc. that you would like put on the church website - [cheapstreetchurch.co.uk](http://cheapstreetchurch.co.uk). - please send them to- [joseph@josephcrocker.co.uk](mailto:joseph@josephcrocker.co.uk)

**Items for next Sunday's pew sheet to PENNY GARDNER by WEDNESDAY EVENING please, preferably by email, [pennygardner@gmail.com](mailto:pennygardner@gmail.com) Or telephone 01935 389153**

DO STAY A WHILE AFTER THE SERVICE to enjoy refreshments and further fellowship in the church Hall



## CHEAP STREET CHURCH SHERBORNE

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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### Welcome To Our Sunday Service

17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Led By **Daniel England**

Councillors on duty - **Lynn Heaton and Christine Rogers**  
Music – **Peter Jackson Crèche –Norma Hamill Sound John Stinchcombe**

*During Lent and on Palm Sunday we shall be opening worship with the relevant words on the sheets in the pews. Please leave these sheets in the pews for further use.*

#### Today's Readings

Matthew 7 : 13 - 14

This week we are asked to pray for **The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Castleton**

#### The Prayer Ring

The Prayer Ring is available for an urgent need or situation. Call any of the numbers below and the circle of prayer will begin.

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

#### 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 coming along Thursday at 9.45 am in the church.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Today

3.00 pm Traidcraft in the Hall  
Wessex Strings concert

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

3.00 pm Senior Service followed by Tea in the Hall  
7.00 pm Table Tennis in the Hall

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Church Open – **Susanne du Parc**

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

10.00 am Packing Donations to go to RAFT

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

9.45 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Church Open – **Martin Heal**  
Knitting Group  
COFFEE MORNING in the Church Hall  
10.30 am Thought for the Day – **Revd Duncan Goldie**  
11.30 am – 11.50 am Ecumenical Prayers for Peace in the Sepulchre  
Chapel in the Abbey  
7.00 pm Church Meeting in the Hall

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

9.00 am Ecumenical Communion in Sherborne Abbey  
10.30 am Church Open – **Barbara Porter**  
12.30 – 1.30 pm Christian Aid Lent Lunch at Digby Memorial Hall

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

10.30 am – 12.00 Church Open – **Jan Wallace**

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Service Led by - **Robert Rickards**

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We continue to hold in prayer all those who are in special need at the Moment

Duncan's mother, Margaret ; Phyllis Batchelor; Margaret Field and her family; Molly and Mike Hooper; Tim Jiggins (Martin and Pat Heal's son-in-law); Robin Legg, Alex and Jan's family; Sylvia Smith; Rosemary McCleery; and those unable to worship with us today.

### Future Dates

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Christian Aid Lent Lunch** in the Digby Memorial Church Hall from 12.30 – 1.30 pm. Tickets are £4 and are available on the door.  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7 p.m. in the Church there will be a time of singing with Christina Le Moignan and Peter Jackson  
Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 12 Noon – 3.00 pm – Passover Meal –

Cheap Street Church Hall. Please Book. Denise Binks, 01747 854631

### From the Secretary:

The agenda and accompanying papers for the Church Meeting are available to be collected in the Welcome Area.

There will be a Study Day on “Dealing with Death in 2019” at Bell Street Church, Shaftesbury on Tuesday, 19th March from 10 am to 3 pm. More details on poster or in the Bridge. To book your place please contact Revd Denise Binks at [denise.binks@gmail.com](mailto:denise.binks@gmail.com), 01747-854631.

The Southampton Methodist Circuit has arranged a series of Discussion Forums on marriage and relationships in preparation for a debate at Conference in 2020, which will include the issue of same-sex marriage. The nearest session for us is on 13th April at Bemerten Methodist Church in Salisbury, 2.00 - 4.30 pm.

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In 1994 the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church came together as one congregation which we now know as Cheap Street Church. To mark the 25th Anniversary this year on Saturday 30th March we are hosting a **Celebratory Cream Tea** in the church hall. All are welcome. Please add your name to the list in the hall if you are able to attend. Thank you. Norma

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**Church Flowers.** Thank you to all who contribute to the Flower Rota so generously through the year enhancing the appearance of our beautiful church, and making it more welcoming to visitors and members. Perhaps you would like to remember a birthday or anniversary, or memories of a loved one by placing flowers in Church. There are many vacant dates, please can you fill one? If you would like help please ask Eirwen Cox, Margaret Beard or Colleen Farquharson

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**Christian Aid - “Count Your Blessings”:** Copies are available in the welcome area, do please take one. They contain, throughout Lent, daily reflections and challenges against climate change, and are a way to put our faith into action.

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*Oh God, bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. Bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. Amen.*

- **Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals**

