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CHURCH
GOOD NEWS

September
19th, 2021

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

Councillor on Duty – Pat and Martin Heal
Door Stewards – Sandie Hassell and Judith Hayward
Music – Viv Daniels
Sound – Jeff Hassell

Please continue to pray for Duncan.

On Sunday the 19th of September **Don Farquharson** will be leading our service..

Thursday September 23rd - Thought for The Day at 10.30 am will be lead by **Don Farquharson**.

Thursday Coffee morning will be in the church hall from 10.00 to 11.30.

Sunday Service September 26th will be a Harvest Celebration at 10.30 in the church. The service will be led by **Martin Heal**

The POD is open from Tuesday to Saturday – 10.00 am to 12 noon and from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

PASTORAL

Last Sunday we heard that Peter Kett had been admitted to Yeovil Hospital during the night. Peter had somehow knocked his foot which resulted in an arterial bleed needing hospital treatment and was kept in overnight. This was extended for a further three nights. Marjorie is expecting him home this week.

On Wednesday morning we received the news that Michael Brown, Hilary's husband had a slight accident in their car. No one was injured, but a short time later Michael suffered a stroke and was taken to Yeovil Hospital. Michael is now in The Coronary Care Unit at the Hospital waiting for more tests. No visiting allowed but Hilary has been able to speak to him.

We send Michael and Hilary, Peter and Marjorie our love and prayers from everyone in Cheap Street Church and ask God's Blessing on them and their families.

Penny is making a good recovery at home following her foot surgery and is now wearing a fashionable purple plaster cast. It will however be another four weeks before she will be allowed to put any weight on her foot.

Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday 25th September Shirley and Douglas Taylor will be celebrating 64 years of marriage together.!

Birthdays.

Friday 24th September Margaret Field. The wonderful age of 90

Saturday 1st October Kathy Crew

Congratulations to you all, with love and best wishes from everyone in Cheap Street Church.

Church Flowers

During the last few months a small group of our Church family have been responsible for making sure there have been flowers in church every Sunday.

This coming Sunday you will find a Flower Rota on the table in the Welcome Area.

The rota runs from the first Sunday in October to the end of December. Please help to keep our church as welcoming as possible and fill in a space on the rota. It doesn't have to be a huge, fantastic arrangement. A simple vase of flowers is just as acceptable to our Lord.

I myself have not been able to do very much recently as I have suffered from a flare up of my asthma / COPD problem, but with new medication, hopefully I will improve and will



be more active.

With love and prayers to you all.
Eirwen.

From the Church Secretary

Today, Thursday 16th, is an important day for Sherborne Abbey and the other Churches linked with it, as this evening their new team rector, the Rev'd Martin Lee will be installed in the Abbey – the start of a new ministry for him and for the people of Sherborne.

Towards the end of that service, representatives from the Church and community will welcome the rector and, in Duncan's absence, I shall be greeting him on behalf of our Church and wishing him well as he comes among us. In his previous post he was Chair of the Churches Together Group in that area so we can look forward to good ecumenical links I think.

For ourselves, I was in touch with Duncan earlier this week and he said he was feeling rather better, but we don't yet have a date when he might be fit to return to work. I am very grateful to a variety of people who have filled in for him during his absence. One of them is Martin Heal, who will be taking our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 26th unless Duncan should be back by then.

Because we did not have Christian Aid Week in May, owing to Covid, we shall be remembering people abroad who are being helped by Christian Aid at this critical time.

Many have lost harvests owing to climate change and need help to start with new and different crops and many more have had to flee from their homes because of war and terror to join large refugee camps and are in urgent need of food and support. So we would ask you to give a monetary offering as you are able through the Commitment for Life envelopes which the URC will pass on to Christian Aid. These envelopes will be ready for you to pick up in the welcome area this coming Sunday. At the same time, we know that sadly there are people right in our area who are also in danger of going hungry, so we should welcome tinned food and non-perishable items suitable for the Food Bank too. Please bring these when you come to the harvest service and leave them in the welcome area, so we can share with others from the goodness we have received. Thank you very much.



Janet

FROM THE COUNCIL

CWW stands for Community & Wider World. Our CWW Team aim to promote outreach into the community and the wider world, and we are looking for some new members to join our small group, who meet just four times a year. We are responsible for looking after publicity matters and recommending to Council and Church Council which charities should be supported by the Church over the three-year period as well as which should be supported as the Christmas Charity. Also, for promoting organisations such as SHARES, Open the Book, Food Bank, Street Pastors, the Rendezvous, Acts435, Traidcraft, shoe-boxes, and currently The Pod. Our meetings usually last no more than an hour and a half, including an essential coffee! Do let me know if you would like to join us or if you'd like to know more. Jackie Bullen - 01935 813112.

PRAYER RING

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

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 have just heard that Bill Slogrove has been rushed into Yeovil Hospital. We will be praying for Bill, Amanda, Amelia and Harriet.

•We hold in prayer Michael and Hilary Brown; Majorie and Peter Kett; George and Norma Hamill; Brian and Margaret Walker; Duncan; Sheila Green; Jan and Phil Wallace and their daughter Emma; Eileen Higgins; Phyllis Batchelor; Peter Gould; Tom Carmichael's family; Clive and Jill Turner and family; Alex Palmer.

Please remember our Cheap Street Church Family in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Prayers for the persecuted church: **Colombia.**

South America - Colombia may be largely Christian, but persecution of believers is getting worse. Church leaders are often targeted by guerrillas and drug cartels, and they face threats, kidnap or even murder. They are viewed as an obstacle by the guerrillas, because they speak out against crime and work to deter young people from joining gangs. In indigenous communities, converts face persecution for leaving their original religion. They may be rejected, imprisoned, abused or have their property confiscated.

Let us pray for protection for Christians living in areas controlled by guerrilla and criminal groups; for grieving families of church leaders who have been killed, that they would be healed from trauma, and also for Christians from indigenous backgrounds to be strong and bold in their faith. Amen.

The Cheapstreeter

This is just to remind you that the deadline for the October/November Cheapstreeter is Tuesday, 21st September by email, please. Raymond raymondwood1949@gmail.com

EVENTS

Morning prayer begins again on Thursday at 9.45 a.m. Please feel you can join at any time.

Songs of Praise planned at Longburton at 6.30 will go ahead, this will be led by Rev Kate Konrad in the absence Rev Duncan Goldie.

Tomorrow, 18th September 7.30pm in Charlton Horethorne parish church **Music for Pleasure**. An informal concert featuring local musicians of

all ages. With brass, woodwind, ukuleles, guitars, vocals, keyboards and even the odd hurdy gurdy. Free entry. Free wine, soft drinks and nibbles. Donations invited for church funds.

A reminder of the **Red Cross Appeal for Afghanistan** on Sunday outside the POD. We will have a stall giving away cupcakes and garden produce in return for donations. We would be very grateful if anyone would bake cupcakes, and bring them, and garden produce, to the Pod, either on Saturday between 10-12 or 1-3, or on Sunday 19th any time from 10am.

With many thanks, Cath and Penny



Molly Hooper is having a **Macmillan coffee morning** from 10.30 to 12.00 noon on Saturday 25th Sept. at 3, Mulberry Gardens, Sherborne DT9 4BY

LETTERS

Last Saturday my sister, Sarah, and I completed the Alzheimer's Society Trek26 Stonehenge. It was a challenging course with more hills and rougher terrain than we expected but we kept going with plenty of snacks and singing! The weather was perfect for the 26 mile walk and the countryside that we walked through was beautiful and varied with woodland, open fields, river banks and the race course. We finished as the sun was setting over the corn fields to receive our medals and a glass of Prosecco. Thank you to everyone who has supported us with sponsorship and prayers.

Alison Berry

CELEBRATION: You may have noticed in last week's pew sheet an item about a weekend of celebrations at Mere URC to mark the completion of comprehensive interior changes to meet modern needs in the community. Duncan has been the driving force in bringing these plans to fruition. Martin has been asked to lead a thanksgiving service next Sunday (26th) at which the preacher will be the Rev Mary Thomas. The service starts at 3pm and there are two spare seats in the Heals' car. Contact Martin and Pat (816706) should you wish to travel with them.

Pat Heal



Phyllis Batchelor has moved again!

Phyllis has moved from The Wheatlands to another care home. She is currently in isolation until 28 Sept (to avoid the risk of bringing Covid into the home) so any contact over the next couple of weeks would be greatly appreciated. Phyllis struggles to hear people on her mobile phone but has a direct line to her new room. Unfortunately, she is not using email at the moment, although we hope to get her back on-line eventually.

The building was originally the summer residence of the Bishop of Lichfield and is suitably grand. It is set in several acres of grassland and trees and adjoins the churchyard with a short path to the church. Very rural and peaceful, and it was described to me as 'a retirement home for gentlefolk' so I think it will suit Phyllis!

Do get in touch with me if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Ros (Phyllis's niece)

(Anybody wishing contact details for Phyllis please contact me. Penny)

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