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CHURCH
GOOD NEWS

October
31st, 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 – Janet Le Moignan
Door Stewards – Yve Ackroyd and Audrey Robson
Music - Viv Daniels
Sound – Elaine Edmunds

Welcome to Our In Loving Memory Service

On this Sunday the 31st of October, **Deacon Rebeka-Joy Spinks** will be leading our Service which will include In Loving Memory Worship.

Coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Thursday November 4th – Thought for The Day will be led by **Christine Rogers** at 10.30 am

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

Sunday Service November 7th will be a at 10.30 in the church, The service will be led by **Revd Lin Francis** and include Holy Communion

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

PASTORAL

Pastoral.

William Slogrove who suffered a Stroke a few weeks ago is recovering well and has been able to conduct a choir rehearsal on two occasions. Amanda underwent surgery two weeks ago and is hoping to return to work after the half term break. We send Amanda our best wishes for a good recovery. William wishes to thank everyone in Cheap Street Church for their support and prayers during his illness.

Please include in your prayers Eileen Higgins's son in law Dave, who is in Yeovil Hospital suffering from Pneumonia.

Rebekah- Joy Spinks chaired our Pastoral Visitors meeting on Thursday. It is the first time we have been together since January 2020! We were very grateful to Rebekah Joy for giving up time from her very busy schedule to be with us. We also welcomed a much-needed new pastoral visitor when Elaine Edmonds said she was happy to join our team. We are very fortunate in our church that we have such a dedicated group of pastoral visitors, who have worked so hard during the Pandemic to keep in touch with us all and kept us all together during a very difficult time. We thank God for them and ask God's Blessing on them and their families.

Birthdays

Saturday 6th November. Rosemary McCleery.

Thursday 11th November. Annette Worboys.

Happy Birthday to you both, with love and best wishes from everyone in Cheap Street Church.

Please pray for our Church Family. With love and prayers to you all.

Eirwen

SHOEBOXES

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Blythwood Care Christmas Shoebox Appeal bringing gifts and completed boxes to The Pod so far. If you would like to take part, but have not yet done so, please could you bring gifts by the end of the month so there is time to make them up into joint boxes. Completed boxes will be welcome whenever The Pod is open and we would like them in by Friday 5th November so they can be dedicated in our Sunday service on the 7th, before starting their journey to Ukraine.
Janet Le M

Church Directory

You may remember that the last Directory was sent out by email during lockdown. It is being updated at the moment, but before it can be printed out and distributed, we need to update our data protection agreements. Our churches, along with many other groups, are now legally required to do this.

I'm proposing to use email to do this wherever possible and in the course of next week shall be writing to all available email addresses, asking you to check the data which we hold and to say whether or not you agree that it can be used in Church publications. Please reply as soon as possible. If you do not use email, you should receive a letter with the same information, requesting a quick response by letter or a phone call. I hope that it will be an easy procedure.

For those not in the Directory but who would like to be included, there is a short initial form to fill in. Please ask me, or Janet, if you would like one.

Many thanks for your help,

Christine Rogers

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 hold in prayer Muriel and Raymond Wood; Martin and Pat Heal; Bill Slogrove and Amanda and their recovery; Michael and Hilary Brown; Marjorie and Peter Kett; George and Norma Hamill; Brian and Margaret Walker; Duncan; Jan and Phil Wallace and their daughter Emma; Eileen Higgins; Phyllis Batchelor; Alex Palmer.

Please remember our Cheap Street Church Family in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Prayers for the persecuted church: **Ethiopia**. In Ethiopia, the persecution you face as a Christian often depends on what sort of Christian you are. The Orthodox Church is approved of by the Ethiopian government, but other denominations are persecuted by the state - and even, sometimes, by the Orthodox Church. This includes harassment, mistreatment and being denied permission to hold services. Islamic extremists also persecute the church, and Christians from a Muslim background are particularly vulnerable to attacks, rejection by their community, and being denied access to community resources.

Let us pray that Christians of all denominations in Ethiopia would embrace Christ's command for unity; for protection for Christians in areas where Islamic extremists are active, and for courage for believers from Muslim backgrounds. **Amen**.

EVENTS

ADVANCE NOTICE for November:

There will be a **12 Hour Day of Prayer** in early November. Can you be thinking about taking part in this please? As a Church we need to seek God's wisdom for our future.

2. Prayer in the Pod. From November there will be prayer in the Upper Room of the Pod once a month. The day will differ each month so that people will be enabled to come at some point.

More about these events anon.

Colleen

The third in our latest series of virtual recitals will be performed by **Stephen Binnington** and released at 3pm on Sunday 31st October.

The concert can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/BBcXtyZuJ9c> . Please note that it will not 'go live' until 3pm on Sunday 31st October.

As always, if you wish to donate after watching this concert then here is the appropriate link: <https://www.paypal.me/musicatgmc> . Any proceeds will be shared between Gillingham Methodist Church and the musician. A big thank you to all who have given donations so far - your kindness has been much appreciated. Details of our Sweetland organ can be found at: <http://musicatgmc.org.uk/organ/>

Enjoy! Gordon Amery, Organist & Concert Organiser

On Wednesday November 10th the ever popular **Sunset Café Stompers** will be playing again at Cheap Street Church. Tickets are available through Raymond Wood. Money raised is in aid of RendezVous.

Cheap Street Church will once again be holding the annual **Christmas Tree Festival** this year. The organising committee is looking to attract volunteers from other Churches to assist as we are struggling to man this festival as we have done in the past. We are looking for volunteers to help with setting up the hall on Monday 29th November; stewarding, in two-hour slots, whilst the festival is on-going from Saturday 4th December until Saturday 11th December, and helping clear up on Saturday 11th December.

If you are able to help please contact Don on 01935 812667, email doncolfark@gmail.com. Or Margaret Beard on 01935 817739.

Don Farquharson

We need more volunteers in the New Year to join our **coffee teams** on Thursdays and Sundays. If you feel you could help on either day, it would be great as the current teams would then not be called on as frequently. Please contact George or Norma Hamill if you could spare some time. Tel. 01963 251617. Thank you.

The following **Poem** was contributed by Jan Wallace –

Find Time for Thought,
This is a source of Strength.

Find Time for the Game,
This is the secret of Eternal Youth.

Find Time for Reading,
This is the foundation of Knowledge.

Find Time to be friendly,
This is the road to happiness.

Find Time for Dreams,
They will pull your vehicle to the stars.

Find Time to love and be loved in return,
This is the privilege of the gods.

Find Time to Look around you,
It's too short a day to be selfish.

Find Time to Laugh,
This is the music of the Soul.
Yannis Ritsos



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- Matthew 5:6

We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.

- Elie Wiesel

Prayer –

Increase this hunger and thirst for justice within me.

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