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CHURCH
GOOD NEWS

November
7th, 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 – Christine Rogers
Door Stewards – Margaret Beard and Sandy Hassell
Music - Viv Daniels
Sound – Jeff Hassell

Welcome to Our Sunday Service

On this Sunday the 7th of November, **Revd Lin Francis** will be leading our Service which will include Holy Communion.

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

Thursday November 11th – Thought for The Day will be led by **Jackie Bullen** at 10.30 am

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

Remembrance Sunday Service - November 14th will be a at 10.30 in the church, The service will be led by **Revd Sue Litchfield**.

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

PASTORAL

Hello everyone, there is some good news this week but there is still the need for prayer.

Martin and Pat have just returned from a week away. Martin is feeling much better and Pat has had a good rest! Martin had a blood test today (Thursday) and is very hopeful that tomorrow's result will be improved.

Eileen Higgins's daughter Di has recently recovered from COVID-19 and Di's husband, Dave is now recovering at home, following a stay in Yeovil Hospital suffering from Pneumonia.

Earlier this week we heard the good news that Duncan is hoping to start a phased return back to work week commencing 8th November.

We also heard earlier this week that Alison Berry had fallen victim to COVID-19. Alison who was with her parents during half term is feeling better but is very concerned for her father who tested positive a few days ago, and for her mother, who is her father's carer.

We send them all our good wishes, love and prayers from everyone in Cheap Street Church, and ask God's Blessing on them and their families.

Please remember those of our Church Family who are still patiently waiting for hospital appointments and/or treatment.

We send them all our love and prayers.
Eirwen.

From the Secretary

Some of you will have heard last Sunday, but others will not yet know, that Duncan is expecting to return to work on 8th November, as his health has improved. This will be on a phased basis and I don't yet know when we shall first see him at Cheap St. He will be preaching on Sundays from 14th Nov. onwards, but this will be as on the circuit plan, which means 28th Nov. will be the first time for us. However, I'm sure we shall see him in other ways before then. Welcome back, Duncan.

At a Pastoral Meeting last week, we realised there were several people who had been coming to Church regularly in recent years, but apart from those where a transfer was made from their previous Church, we haven't asked newer arrivals to consider Church membership. Deacon Rebekah-Joy Spinks, who has been doing some pastoral work here, has offered to arrange a meeting for those who would like to know more. She says 'The membership session will be informal, although there will be a handout which can be taken away. There will be a brief explanation of both Methodist and URC history and structure. We will be discussing the privileges and responsibilities of membership, discipleship and belonging.' The provisional date Rebekah-Joy suggests is 22nd Nov. Either in the afternoon or evening. If you would like to attend, please contact Rebekah-Joy with your time preference. Her phone no. is 01258 473315. She will be away for a few days next week, so please leave your name and contact details if necessary so she can get back to you,

Thank you for all the Christmas shoe boxes received and for all Pod volunteers who have filled joint Church boxes. Any further boxes do need to be at the Pod by Friday 5th. They will be dedicated during the service on Sunday and then go on their way to people in real need, living in Ukraine.

Finally, our Day of Prayer is next Tuesday, 9th Nov. Colleen Farquharson is organising the half hour slots for prayer by individuals from 8,00 am onwards and then at 7.30-8.00pm we shall finish with a joint time of prayer led by Don and Colleen. If you would like to be involved in this during the day, please let Colleen know as soon as possible. Thank you to her, and to George Faris who will be providing the Zoom link for us.

Quite a lot is happening - please join in if you can. Janet

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 **Mexico** - Criminal networks have spread throughout Mexico, and Christians face the constant risk of being targeted for violence because they oppose corruption and drug use. Young men are exposed to indoctrination and forced recruitment; those who refuse to join a gang or take part in criminal activities are threatened, abducted or even killed. Christian converts from indigenous communities in the south of the country are also likely to face persecution from their families and tribes for choosing to follow Jesus over any traditional faith. Open Doors strengthens persecuted believers in Mexico with biblical training, legal support, trauma care and socio-economic aid.

Let us pray that God would fill believers with boldness to keep proclaiming the hope of Jesus in the midst of dangerous circumstances; for healing and comfort for those who have suffered from violence by the cartels, and for protection for Open Doors staff serving persecuted believers. Amen.

PRAYER IS THE POWERHOUSE OF THE CHURCH

We, as the church family are having another 12-hour prayer day on Tuesday November 9th. WE need to fill in the half hour slots from 8 in the morning to 7.30 in the evening and to be followed by a zoom finale.

Please will you take up a slot by phoning me on 812667 so that I can make sure the hours are

filled. If I am short of names, I may be phoning round.!

This day is important because we need to seek God' guidance for our Church which is struggling; to pray for our government, Prime Minister and our Queen. Then there are concerns for the world and our own concerns.

This day of prayer involves the whole church family even if you cannot fill a space. you can still be involved..."Go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen and then your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you openly." Matthew 6. No one need miss out.

PRAYER IN THE POD.

This has begun! On the first Wednesday of next month whilst we have The Pod, there will be Prayer in the Upper Room. Anyone and everyone is invited to join for as long or as little time as you can manage. Come and join the angels and archangels as we come together!

PRAYER IN CHURCH ON THURSDAYS.

We are very thin on pray-ers on Thursday mornings at 9.45. Who can spare half an hour to pray???

URC Prayer Handbook

We are about to order the United Reformed Church 2022 prayer handbook Jubilee, Freed to Live, for the Worship & Growth team. If you are not part of the team and would like a copy, please let me know by next Tuesday 9 November. The cost is £5.49.

George Faris (phone: 01935 420258, email: gfaris48@gmail.com)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Jan Wallace has received the Christmas Card Order. They will be available in the church from Sunday.

EVENTS

ADVENT QUIET DAY 2021

Monday 29th November

Led by

The Revd. Canon Charles Mitchell-Innes
In

Cheap Street Church Hall
10 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME!

Please bring a packed lunch, Bible and pen/paper.
Coffee, tea, biscuits available.

Please sign up in the Abbey Parish Office by
Friday November 26th (01935 713783)

You do not have to stay for the whole day.
Come when you can.

jazz at Cheap Street

Wednesday, 10th November

SUNSET CAFÉ STOMPERS

with **Hamish Maxwell** vocal

email Raymond for tickets

raymondwood1949@gmail.com

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 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

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.

LOCKDOWN ARTIST?

During the various lockdowns and even since, there has been a surge of creativity. We have at least one artist in the church who, in the new year, would be willing to be part of an exhibition of Pandemic/ or Lockdown Art. This could include knitting, embroidery, writing, poetry photography maybe a new hobby. If you are interested and would like to be part of this exhibition please contact me. Penny.

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