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CHURCH
GOOD NEWS

January 9th,
2022

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

January 9th

Councillor on Duty – Martin and Pat Heal
Door Stewards – Douglas and Lillian Scott
Music – Christina Le Moignan
Sound – Elaine Edmunds

January 16th

Councillor on Duty – Jackie Bullen
Door Stewards – Jim and Alice Cockerham
Music – Christina Le Moignan
Sound – George Faris

Welcome to Sunday Epiphany Service

Today's Service will be at 10.30 am and will be led by **Revd. Sue Litchfield.**

Thursday January 13th – Prayers at 9.45 followed by Thought for The Day led by **Colleen Farquharson** at 10.30 am.

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

Sunday January 16th at 10.30 we will have a Service which will be led by **Revd Andrew de Ville, District Chairman**

The POD is open every day except Sundays and Mondays, between 10 -12.00 and 1.00 – 15.00

PASTORAL

Sadly I start the year 2022 with the news that Sarah Poushkin's husband Mike is quite poorly in the Cardiac Ward at Yeovil Hospital. Please remember Mike, Sarah and their family at this very worrying time. We send them our love and prayers from everyone in Cheap Street Church.

On Christmas Eve, Denise Gould was diagnosed with Shingles, Denise was very unwell, but I am glad to say she is feeling much better. A recent visit to the Eye clinic at the hospital revealed no permanent damage to the eye that was infected.

Take care Denise, with love and best wishes from us all, for a return to good health.

As we start the New Year let us pray for our Cheap Street Church Family and ask God's Blessing on all families, wherever they are.

Wishing you a Happy and Peaceful New Year , with love and prayers to you all.

Eirwen..

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 Sarah and Mike Poushkin; Kathy Stephenson and Viv Evans; Angie Langcricks; Peter and Denise Gould; Muriel and Raymond Wood; Martin and Pat Heal; Marjorie and Peter Kett; George and Norma Hamill; Brian and Margaret Walker; Jan and Phil Wallace and their daughter Emma; Eileen Higgins; Alex Palmer.

Please remember our Cheap Street Church Family in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Prayers for the persecuted church: **Oman** - Islam is the state religion, and all Omani citizens are assumed to be Muslim. Local converts from Islam are under the most pressure - their families, neighbours and wider society all press them to return to their national faith. They can be expelled from their families and lose their jobs. Although the government largely tolerates foreign Christian communities, it still greatly restricts their public gatherings. All religious organisations must be registered with the authorities, and all Christian meetings are monitored for political statements and to see if any Omani citizens attend.

Let us pray that isolated believers would find fellowship with others; for God to pour out a spirit of boldness on the church in Oman, and that God would open doors and provide opportunities for believers to tell others about Jesus. **Amen.**

Ecumenical Bible Studies. The new term starts next week, when we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Meetings are held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm at 26 Ridgeway and on Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm at 2 Raleigh Court. There are 6 sessions, finishing by the end of March. We very much hope to welcome some new members to these meetings which are sociable, challenging and enjoyable. If you would like to receive a copy of the study please let me know - I will have a few copies with me in church this Sunday.

Those wishing to join the Wednesday group should contact John Crossman on 01935 813962, and those interested in joining the Friday groups should contact me, Jackie Bullen, on 01935 813112.

We look forward to hearing from you.

2022 Weekly Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available to be collected for those using 2021 envelopes. Please assist in getting them delivered. We have 7 spare sets available so new subscribers are welcome.

Thank you to all who contributed regularly to church funds in 2021. Several people have increased their standing orders and one member has made a very generous donation. Could you do likewise?

George Faris (phone: 01935 420258)

Best wishes for 2022,

George

Dear All

Please find below information about two webinars being run by the Connexion Team. Sent from Jane Fisher, District Safeguarding Officer.

'Speaking Truth: Voices of Survivors of childhood abuse' webinar series

Two informative and thought-provoking webinars are being planned by the Methodist Survivors' Advisory Group members for an audience across the Methodist Church. [Register in Advance for this webinar:](#)

Wed 19 January 2022, 11am – 12:30pm In Webinar 1 - Hearing Reality: Voices Crying in The Wilderness we will hear something of the history and prevalence of childhood abuse in this country. We will learn of the impact of abuse upon survivors, both how it affects them throughout their childhood but also the long-term effects of abuse throughout the life course of the survivor. We will also hear first-hand from survivors of abuse, sharing their stories and how they found hope. We will hear the history of the Methodist Church's response to survivors of abuse and our ongoing work to improve and learn from the voices of people who have experienced abuse.

[Register in Advance for this webinar:](#) Wed 23 February 2022, 11am – 12:30pm In Webinar 2 - The Church's Response to Survivors: From Stumbling Block to Stepping Stone, we will be introduced to a consideration of the theology of safeguarding and how erroneous interpretations of scripture have been used to

justify suffering or to force survivors to forgive. We will learn how childhood abuse affects future faith and the survivor's understanding of God and church. We will look at aspects of traditional church, including language, which can be harmful to survivors. We will hear from survivors about their experiences, including alternative modes of church which they have found helpful. We will look at the Methodist Church's work, both to make our churches safer spaces and to respond better to survivors of abuse within our congregations.

These webinars are aimed at a broad audience from Safeguarding Officers and those in leadership roles to anyone wishing to learn how to be more welcoming and inclusive towards survivors of abuse within our church.

PLEASE NOTE -There will Not be a Good News Newsletter next week. The next edition will be for January 23rd

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