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March 3rd,  
2024

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.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

Councillor on Duty – Lynn Heaton  
Door Stewards- Caroline Wolffsohn and  
Judith Mitchell

Music – Amanda Slogrove

Sound – George Faris



## Welcome to Our Sunday Service

Sunday's Service will be at 10.30am and will be led by **Revd Peter Clark**

This week the Sherborne Churches Together (SCT) will be praying for **Society of Friends (Quakers) Sherborne**

**Prayer time** at 9.45 on Thursday

Thursday March 7th at 10.30 am, Thought for The Day – **Don Farquharson**

Sunday March 10th at 10.30am Service led by **Revd Kate Konrad**

**The POD is open every day except Sundays and Mondays, between 10 -12.00 and weekday afternoons 1.00 – 3.00.**

### Pastoral

On Monday 26th. February our minister The Rev. Kate Konrad officiated at the funeral of our dear friend Paul. Cheap Street Church was full of people, including The Mayor of Sherborne who had come together along with Paul's family, to give thanks for Paul's life. A fitting end to a life well lived.

He was known to everyone, and he knew everyone!! He was a whiz on car mileage numbers, and he had a fantastic memory. Woe betide you if you missed paying your car tax (in the days when the tax disc had to be displayed on the windscreen) by only a few days, Paul would notice and tell you!! He loved Cheap Street Church and was so proud to become a member following the closure of the Baptist Church. Following the service, everyone was invited to the hall to share the wonderful refreshments prepared by Paul's family. We send Brenda, Roger and all the family our love and prayers, giving thanks for having had the privilege of knowing Paul.

Last Thursday February 22nd. We received the sad news that Janet Baker had died peacefully at Sheborne House Care Home, Yeovil. Janet had been quite poorly with MND and had suffered for the last two years with such bravery and determination. I am so thankful that I was able to visit her two days before she died, and that she was so pleased to see me.

We send her daughter Suzanne and all the family, our love and prayers from everyone in Cheap Street Church at this sad time. If you wish to send a message to Suzanne her address is - Suzanne Lyon, 2, Dairy Cottage, Sheffield Park, Uckfield, East Sussex. TN 22 3OB  
Please, no telephone calls.

Please remember in your prayers during the coming week our Church members who are on the prayer list and unable to attend church because of ongoing health problems.

Remember also our church family members who are no longer able to live independently at home and are in Residential Care. Ken Bonney, Janet Dolling and Margaret Walker.

We send them all our love and prayers and ask God's Blessing on them and their families.

No birthdays this week but the wonderful news of a 4th. Great grandchild for Molly and Mike Hooper. Martha Louise Cato arrived safely at 4.30am. 26th February. The proud parents are Becky and Lau. Congratulations, with best wishes, love and prayers to you all.

With love and prayers.  
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 07823 340 103  
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 – Janet Baker's family; Pam and Geoff Tapper; Malcom and Tracy Hooper and their sons Steve and Ben; Janet and Arthur English; Michael and Mollie Hooper; Viv Daniels; Raymond and Juliet Wood; Paul Wilkin's family; George Hamill; Michael and Hilary Brown; John and Sue Litchfield; Simon Evans; Jenn Newcombe; Geoff and Muriel Martin.

Please remember our Cheap Street Church Family in your prayers.

### PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**Libya** continues to be in place with very little political stability. Much of the country exists in a sort of perpetual anarchy, ruled over by militias. But a small number of Libyans have encountered Jesus and chosen to follow him. It could cost them everything. Christianity seems impossible in Libya, but God is the God of the impossible, so please pray that these strongholds are broken down, and more and more Libyans will courageously choose Jesus - knowing that He is worth the cost.

Let us pray: Lord God, we lift up our brothers and sisters in Libya. Thank you for encountering and loving people despite all the obstacles. Please bring stability and peace to the nation and enable more and more Libyans to encounter You and choose to follow You. **Amen.**



**For the latest URC  
news and updates visit**

<https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1ZF2O-8CD16F9B4210406FAMSP9N6E29A52664A748B6/cr.a.spx>



<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/unbounded-love/>

**Here is the Link to the March to May Bridge Magazine**

<https://www.yeovilblackmorevalemc.org.uk/circuit-bridge-magazine-march-may-2021.php>

### LETTERS



### EASTER CLEAN

It has been suggested that we give all the downstairs pew carpeting a good Vac this Spring. I am suggesting Sat 16th March 10.00-12.00 as a time. Hopefully many of us are able to give a hand. "Many hands etc. . ."

We have some Vacs but other light ones would be helpful.

Is this for you?

Coffee will be provided!!!

Don



**The Methodist Church voted to reach Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2030. But how do we do it?**

This "Creation Mondays" webinar is to be given by Jo Crocker.

So what actions should we take against climate change? What actions are within our budget? Which ones can we make time for in our schedules?

What actions today will our children and grandchildren thank us for?

Jo Crocker is a member of the United Church in Winchester and executive director of Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC).  
The Southampton District and Learning Network of The Methodist Church host these open webinars on Zoom:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/southampton-eco-district-events-2606229>

The webinars are held for 2 hours from 7 pm on Mondays, and this one takes place on:  
Monday, March 11, 2024.  
More information and registration is available on:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/so-what-should-we-do-about-climate-change-registration-719804503647?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>  
Further information from the email address:  
[ecodistrict@sdmc.org.uk](mailto:ecodistrict@sdmc.org.uk)

## MARGARETS POETRY CHOICE

### The Kingdom

by R.S. Thomas

It's a long way off but inside it  
There are quite different things going on:  
Festivals at which the poor man  
Is king and the consumptive is  
Healed: mirrors in which the blind look  
At themselves and love looks at them  
Back; and industry is for mending  
The bent bones and the minds fractured  
By life. It's a long way off, but to get  
There takes no time and admission  
Is free, if you will purge yourself  
Of desire, and present yourself with  
Your need only and the simple offering  
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tot's Funeral** – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12.40 pm at Yeovil Crematorium. Please wear bright coloured clothing.

**Lent Courses** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Various venues and times

**Lent Lunches** – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 at the Catholic Church Hall

**Taize Service** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

**Informal Worship** - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.15pm – 7.45 in Cheap Street Church hall

**AGM Sherborne Churches Together - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7 for 7.30pm** at Cheap Street in the Church. Theme Eco Issues

## ECO Tips from Rocha UK's Wild Christian for March

Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at [arocha.org.uk/](http://arocha.org.uk/) connect-with-gods-creation-overlent/



## Christian Thought for Today

God offers us quiet, contemplative eyes; God also calls us to prophetic and critical involvement in the pain and sufferings of our world—both at the same time. This is so obvious in the life and ministry of Jesus that I wonder why it has not been taught as an essential part of Christianity.

—Richard Rohr

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Please remember that there are always a few copies of the Good News newsletter in the POD for those who cannot receive emails.

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