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March
10th, 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.

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Councillor on Duty – George Faris
Door Stewards- Elaine Edmonds and
Audrey Robson
Music – Christina Le Moignan
Sound – Geoff Gardner



Welcome to Our Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday's Service will be at 10.30am and will be led by **Revd Kate Konrad** with Holy Communion

Taize Service at 6.30pm led by **Revd Lesley McCreadie**

This week the Sherborne Churches Together (SCT) will be praying for
Castleton: St Mary Magdalene and Lillington: St Martin of Tours

Prayer time at 9.45 on Thursday

Thursday March 14th at 10.30 am, Thought for The Day – **Margaret Field**

Sunday March 17th at 10.30am Service led by **Revd Judy Turner-Smith**

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

Pastoral

Hello everyone, it is Thursday morning, and the sun is shining in all its glory, let's hope it stays with us for a few days.
I have just heard that Jackie Bullen is not well. Please keep her in your prayers.

Pam Tapper is still in The Willows and would welcome visitors, but please ring Geoff before you visit, just in case Pam is home, as plans are in hand for her to continue her recovery at home.

We haven't seen Denise and Peter in church for some weeks, I spoke to Denise this week and she told me Peter had been very poorly suffering from Pneumonia at the beginning of January and she herself had a very bad chest infection too. They have both recovered now and Denise had a Cataract operation at the end of February, so she is on restricted duties for a couple of weeks. They both hope to be back in church soon.

Birthdays

Monday 11th. March. Jonathan Hill.

Tuesday. 12th Jan Wallace.

Friday. 15th. Elsie Hooper. (8)

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

Please remember in your prayers during the coming week all members of our church family, remembering especially all members on our weekly prayer list who are unable to attend worship because of ill health.

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 – Jackie Bullen; 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

Yemen: Conversion from Islam is strictly forbidden in Yemen, and even comes with the death penalty – so when Saleh' chose to follow Jesus, you might have thought he'd keep his new faith secret. Instead, he decided to evangelise outside his local mosque.

"If we sit at home and do nothing, we would be safe," says Saleh. "But what kind of Christians would we be if we weren't risking life for others to know Life?" He underwent threats from the authorities and had to go into hiding. Praise God, after eight weeks he was allowed to go free". As he said "God did a miracle, he changed the heart of a person of influence who initially wanted him dead. Afterwards, I realised why God allowed it to happen - God brought several prisoners to Him through them."

Let us pray with Saleh: Lord God, please guide my brothers and sisters in Yemen and the Arabian Peninsula by Your Holy Spirit so they have opportunities and courage to share the gospel. Strengthen and encourage Saleh and all Your children, and spread the churches' message of light and hope across the country. As Yemen faces an ongoing humanitarian crisis, use your church to provide vital practical support as well as spiritual care. **Amen.**



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<https://urc-news.org.uk/2JB1-1ZF20-8CD16F9B4210406FAMSP9N6E29A52664A748B6/cr.a.spx>

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

LETTERS

To The Church

Brenda and Roger and family would like to sincerely thank the church members for their time and friendship to Paul on his visits to the church. As a family we thought that Kate did an excellent service for Paul's funeral on Monday, and how lovely it was that so many of you attended the service and wake, making us all feel very welcome.

Thank you to the members that helped behind the scenes and Kate for all her time and conducting such a lovely happy fun service.

A special thanks should go to the tea ladies who kept us so well fed and watered and Peter Jackson for playing the piano and his choice of music.

Brenda and Roger Else

Donations in memory of Paul Wilkins

Those attending Paul's funeral service were invited to make a donation to the church. Donations can still be made either by cash or cheque in an envelope marked 'Paul Wilkins' (please put in the offertory box or hand to me) or online with reference 'Paul Wilkins'. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cheap Street Church Sherborne'.

Thank you,

George Faris



**Don't forget the Easter
Clean! Check the Dates for
your Diary.**

A Statement from the President and Vice- President on the situation in Gaza.

We are deeply disappointed that the headlines today are about a parliamentary process and not the horrors of what is happening in Gaza. Such a vote should be above party politics and we urge

the UK government to denounce actions that epitomise a collective punishment of the population of Gaza.

The scale of the destruction and tragic loss of life in so short a space of time is incomparable to any other conflict in recent times. We grieve for all lives lost on 7 October and in the subsequent fighting. There is no justification for such widespread killing of tens of thousands of innocent people and we are gravely concerned for the entire population of the Gaza Strip.

One and a half million people currently shelter in crowded conditions with little food and water in the city of Rafah. The horrific strikes on southern Gaza have killed many in recent days and those injured are unable to get treatment because of Israel's attacks on hospitals.

We were alarmed to hear reports that the Nasser Hospital in Gaza has been shelled, killing patients, staff and others sheltering there. The protection of hospitals during a war is a basic and inescapable requirement in international law.

The International Court of Justice has called on Israel to ensure that its forces do not commit any of the acts covered by the Genocide Convention. Yet attacks on Gaza have continued with inadequate regard to the protection of civilians. For those crowded into Rafah there is nowhere left to go. It is disturbing to hear that some in the Israeli government are discussing the possibility of creating settlements across the Gaza Strip. Time will tell whether what we witness in Gaza today is an ethnic cleansing of the present population.

Meanwhile, for those sheltering without food and water the situation is critical. To meet the basic human needs of such a large population there is no alternative to an immediate ceasefire. We urge our government to demand an immediate halt to the shelling for the preservation of innocent life and require that Israel abide by the provisional ruling of the International Court of Justice. We call on Hamas to immediately release the remaining hostages and urge all governments to work with Israeli and Palestinian parties to achieve an agreement that ensures protection, support and a viable future for innocent victims of this conflict and security for all in the region. In prayer we stand alongside all those in the region whose heart breaks with ours as we witness the unfathomable suffering. With the psalmist we pray:

*You are my help and my deliverer;
you are my God, do not delay. (Psalm 40:17)*

The Methodist Church in Britain has launched an appeal to support partners of the Methodist Liaison Office who are working in Gaza. [Find out more and donate here.](https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/israel-palestine/gaza-appeal/)

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MARGARETS POETRY CHOICE

The Skylight

by Seamus Heaney

You were the one for skylights. I opposed
Cutting into seasoned tongue-and-groove
Of pitch pine. I liked it low and closed,
Its claustrophobic, nest-up-in-the-roof
Effect. I liked the snuff-dry feeling,
The perfect trunk-lid fit of the old ceiling.
Under there, it was all hutch and hatch.
The blue slates kept the heat like midnight thatch.

But when the slates came off, extravagant
Sky entered and held surprise wide open.
For days I felt like an inhabitant
Of that house where the man sick of the palsy
Was lowered through the roof, had his sins
forgiven,
Was healed, took up his bed and walked away.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Taize Service – Sunday 10th March at 6.30pm

Informal Worship - Monday 11th March at 6.15pm – 7.45 in Cheap Street Church hall

Creation Mondays Webinar – Monday March 11 at 7pm

Lent Courses – Wednesday 13th March – Various venues and times

Lent Lunches – March 13th at 11.30 at the Catholic Church Hall

Church Clean – Saturday March 16th, 10.00am to 12.00

Easter Senior Service – Monday March 25th at 3.00pm followed by Tea in the Hall

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

CONCERT



YEOVIL CHAMBER CHOIR
Guest Musical Director
Edward Guater

**A Spring Journey
Britten to France**

Music by
Bairdow | Britten | Byrd | Duruflé
Gibbons | Howells | Saint-Saëns

Friday 15 March 2024 | 19:30
St Andrew's Church
Preston Grove, Yeovil BA20 2BQ

£12 | www.yeovilchamberchoir.org

Thought for Today

IN THE NITE-TIME OF OUR FEARS

*In the night-time of our fears
and in our time of questioning,
be present, ever present God.*

*Be present with those
camped out in the fields of
hopelessness,
with refugees and the homeless,
those who live lives of quiet
desperation.*

*Be present until the desert places
blossom like the rose
and hope is born again.*

Kate McIlhagga

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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