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March
17th, 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 – Caroline Wolffsohn
Door Stewards- Lillian and Douglas Scott
Music – Peter Jackson and Music Group
Sound – Don Farquharson



Welcome to Our Sunday Service

Sunday's Service will be at 10.30am and will be led by **Revd Judy Turner-Smith**

This week the Sherborne Churches Together (SCT) will be praying for **Cheap Street Church**

Prayer time at 9.45 on Thursday

Thursday March 21st at 10.30 am, Thought for The Day – **Revd Christina Le Moignan**

Palm Sunday March 24th 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

Geoff Tapper was taken ill very suddenly on Wednesday evening last week and taken to Yeovil Hospital where he was in intensive care for a few days. Geoff was suffering from a severe bout of Flu and a chest infection. He was moved to Ward 9A on Monday this week. I have just received a call from Geoff, he is still feeling weak but is improving. If he continues to improve, he could be home by the end of the week. Plans to discharge Pam from the Willows last week were put on hold because of Geoff's illness. We send our best wishes, love and prayers to Geoff and Pam from everyone in Cheap Street Church, hoping they will both be well enough to be home soon.

Vivienne Daniel's has been travelling to Dorchester Hospital every month since December 2023 for Chemotherapy treatment and is now looking forward to a few months respite from treatment and travelling. Vivienne is immensely grateful for the prayers and loving care she has experienced during this time and wishes to thank our Church Family very much. We send Vivienne our best wishes, love and prayers as she continues her recovery.

Jackie Bullen has contacted us today to say she is feeling much better and is hoping to be in church on Sunday.

Birthdays.

Monday 18th. March. Janet English.

18th March. Bryan McCleery.

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

Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday 23rd. March Molly and Mike Hooper.

Congratulations, with love and best wishes to you both on your 56th Wedding Anniversary from our Church Family.

Please remember our Church Family members in your prayers during the coming week, especially those on the Prayer List.

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

Eritrea is called the North Korea of Africa because of its severe authoritarian government. While there are three officially recognised Christian denominations (Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran), converting from Islam – like Abdullah did – or belonging to an evangelical church is extremely dangerous. Churches are regularly raided, and more than 1000 Eritreans are currently in prison for their faith.

Abdullah grew up in a traditional Muslim family. When he converted to Islam, he didn't keep his new faith quiet. He had a passion to share the gospel and told everyone at work about Jesus – he wanted them to know the good news too! This was particularly dangerous because Abdullah worked in a government office. One of his coworkers was angry about Abdullah's Christian activities. He asked Abdullah to meet him at the office, but it was a trap; this man secretly recorded Abdullah while baiting him into making political comments. The next day Abdullah was arrested, charged and sent to prison.

Let us pray: Father God, thank You that no

authoritarian regime can stand in the way of yourself. Please comfort Abdullah's widow and children and strengthen and encourage all Eritreans in prison for loving you. Equip the local church as they support and strengthen persecuted Christians in Eritrea. **Amen**



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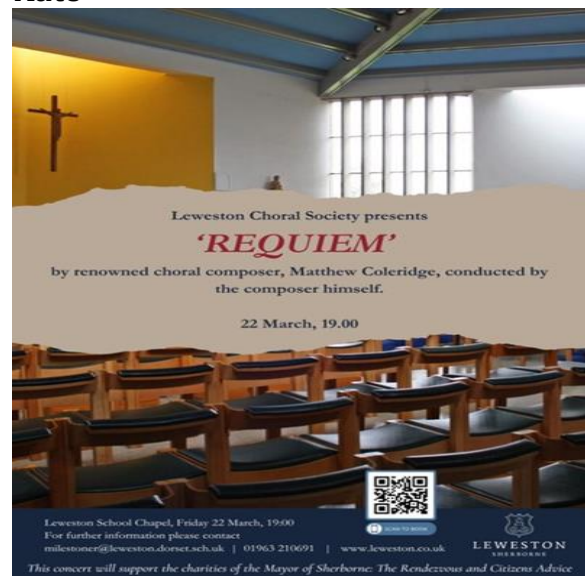
LETTERS

The Mayor, Margaret Crossman, has expressed her thanks for all the prayer support that she has received from Sherborne Churches during her Mayoral year. Rachel Milestone and Leweston have very kindly offered to use their upcoming concert as a fundraiser for the Mayor's Charities, which this year are Citizens Advice and The Rendezvous.

Margaret has issued an invitation to the concert at Leweston School on 22nd March @ 7pm. All proceeds to the mayor's charities. If you are able to go along it sounds like an enjoyable evening

Every blessing

Kate



This concert will support the charities of the Mayor of Sherborne: The Rendezvous and Citizens Advice

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent beautiful cards, e- cards and messages for my birthday, also Margaret Field for her poem it was kind of you all to think of me.
Jan Wallace

MARGARETS POETRY CHOICE

Pilgrims

by Ann Lewin

And now it seems, from every
Country's end, at spring of the year
To Canterbury they wend.
No longer holy martyr for to seek,
But pilgrims still,
Searching for roots in ancient history;
Finding a curious peace as prayer
Rolls through the cathedral
Joining the stream of endless praise.
Then on their way, that being done,
Echoes of something greater whispering
In their minds, pulling them back
Disturbingly to – what was it
We felt then, touching us
Under the surface of the package tour?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Lent Courses – Wednesday 20th March – Various venues and times

Lent Lunches – March 20th at 11.30 at the Catholic Church Hall

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

Taize Service – Sunday 14th April at 6.30pm

Informal Worship - Monday 15th April at 6.15pm – 7.45 in Cheap Street Church hall

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

barked tree, you can hear what sounds like a heartbeat through the stethoscope: The sound of sap being 'pumped' against gravity, up the tree to the tips of the leaves. It sounds like our own heartbeat, and I often think of it as the heartbeat of creation.

Chris Polhill , Iona Community

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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Thought for Today

I love trees: they stand naked in winter, and burst with new life in spring. If you take a stethoscope on a spring walk and look for a young smooth-

