

WARMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

(Methodist/URC)

George Street, Warminster BA12 8QA

Summer



June to August 2017

The Big Catch Word Search

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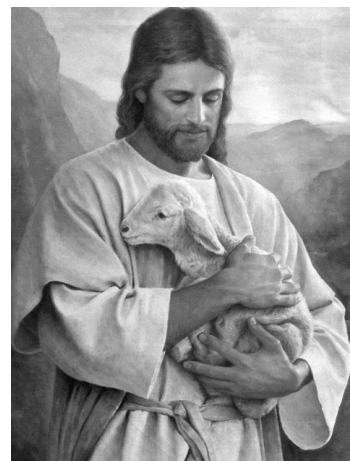
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Dear Friends

On May 7th, which is appropriately known as Shepherd Sunday, the restored stained glass window, depicting Christ the Good Shepherd was rededicated. The new lighting coupled with removing the window from being encased within a glazed sealed unit means that the rich detail and vibrant colours can be truly appreciated. As a church we are so grateful for all those who have helped with this work and made it possible.

Within the Bible there are many references to shepherding, from the Gospel parable of the Lost Sheep to those ever-comforting words in Psalm 23. Some of the great Biblical heroes have been shepherds not least Moses and King David. It was also to shepherds that the news of the birth of Christ was first revealed.

Within the actual window are words of Jesus, “I am the Good Shepherd”. They are taken from John 10 verse 11, which reads, ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’ They remind of the depth of love and care that God has for each one of us. That image is reinforced by the image of the shepherd not herding the sheep but rather carrying a lamb and looking at it.



Wherever this summer takes you, may you know the care of the Good Shepherd who loves you.

Best wishes

Rev David

A couple of days after the Shepherd Window was rededicated Rev David was cycling along Westbury Road when he spotted a lamb, that had got out of a field, munching grass near the busy road. Dropping the bike and whilst still in clericals, the lamb eventually was returned to the flock - a case of a minister literally seeking to be a good shepherd!

Sunday Services

10.30 a.m.

JUNE

4th : Rev Heather Morgan ALL AGE WORSHIP PENTECOST
11th : Rev Mike Burrell
18th : Bob Farrimond
25th : Rev David Coppard HOLY COMMUNION

JULY

2nd : Local Arrangements
9th : Tom Hill
16th : Rev Sue Holden HOLY COMMUNION
23rd : Local arrangements
30th : Rev David Coppard

AUGUST

6th : Rev Mary Teed
13th : Rev David Coppard HOLY COMMUNION
20th : Local Arrangements
27th : Rev David Coppard ALL AGE WORSHIP

June 25th Church meeting follows the service

Wednesday service at 10.15 a.m. weekly

Thursday 15th June **AREA MEETING**, 7.30pm, United Church, Trowbridge, venue Park Club, Trowbridge.

HALL BOOKINGS

We currently have 7 regular lettings using the premises which is very positive. The U3a Singing for Wellbeing join us the 1st Monday in June and the Flower Arranging group will meet on the 2nd Thursday each month, making 9 groups in all.

All the keys to the church (we have 25) are in circulation so I ask those who hold a key but only use it very occasionally to consider if it is really essential. Maybe you could share with someone near to you or - if you only use the Church when other key-holders are there - perhaps the key could be returned. Thank you.

Pauline Howell.

PASTORAL CARE

I should like to thank all the Pastoral Visitors for their care and concern for our congregation; it is rewarding to befriend others in the church family making sure they are happy and well. Support is offered with special safeguarding training and a DBS check undertaken for all those involved. **If you would like to become a pastoral visitor then please speak to me after a service.** Joan Stephens has now retired from this role to spend more time with George; special thanks go to Joan.

It's a delight to have welcomed Ebenezer into our Church family and wonderful to see him and Solomon participating joyfully in the activities prepared by Penelope, Claire, Joan Jones and Marion Hornby – thank you, ladies.

Our Church family continues to grow; an especial welcome to all the new faces as we remember those who can no longer attend. We remember in our prayers Tony Reade, Sally Petrie, Audrey and Howard Spurr and Bernard Cooper. Also please pray for Joan Drain, Joy Kibby, Christine Scott and Daphne Cole as they recover from injury or sickness at home.

Marion Barton



GIFT AID

I have taken over the Gift Aid returns from Derek. If you are giving regularly and are paying income tax and haven't already signed a Gift Aid form, please do, as the church benefits. But if you have already signed a Gift Aid form and your circumstances change so you no longer pay income tax, please be aware that it is your responsibility to inform either myself or Hilary that you are no longer eligible for Gift Aid. In those circumstances you would need to inform every charity you have signed a Gift aid declaration with. Failure to do this could mean that some time in the future the inland revenue would charge you for the tax charities have claimed back against your name.

Also be aware that Gift Aid declarations can only be made by individuals, not couples.

If you are confused about this, then either speak to me or Hilary at church.

Diana Bennie

Treasurers Report

I am pleased to report our income from Offerings for the last 3 months

February	£1963.48
March	£1981.10
April	£2111.01

Thank you to everyone for your generous giving. This helps to cover our day to day expenses particularly our quarterly payment for the area assessment which is now due.

Our Easter Offering was for the World Mission Fund and amounted to £207.80. I am sure everyone is pleased to see our Shepherd Window back in place and it is looking wonderful. I have been asked to give an update on the finance for this. The expenditure for the work has been £6381.40 and the money raised so far totals £4675.00. This leaves a deficit of £1706.40 which has been paid from our reserves but I am sure that everyone will agree that the final result is well worth it.

Once again a big Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

Hilary Reynolds

The Stained glass was repaired by Sheenagh McKinlay who has been involved in creative development and community projects at the Bromley by Bow Centre since the 1980s, combining this with commissions, exhibitions and teaching stained glass and mosaic. Her commissioned work ranges from large public art and church commissions to small domestic pieces. Studio pieces are composites of salvaged antique shards and contemporary coloured glass.

Her work for us involved taking a template from the window, before removing all of the glass from the old lead work. Each piece was cleaned, before being reset in new leading using the template to make sure it fitted the wooden frame exactly. A wonderful result.

Wiltshire Churches Together Quiet Day—Saturday 10 June

10.— am—3.30 pm

at St Katherine's Church Savernake.

'Resting in God'

Led by the Revd Sam King,

Baptist minister at Calne

Last year we found this beautiful church in the middle of the Savernake Forest a perfect setting for quiet reflection. Do join us! - Bookings now being taken. *Contact Liz Overthrown*
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Rota for Church July to Sept 2017

July	Vestry (V)/ Opening(O)	Books/Welcome	Coffee	Flowers
2 nd	Marion O/V	Margaret Edwards Sandra Matthews	Marion Barton Helen Mills	Kate Skilman
9 th	Hilda O/V	Dennis and Pat Mills	Sue Hewitt Andy Simmons	Jennifer Sanderson
16 th ^h	Diane – O Barry - V	Christina Walton Arthur Pimn	Diana Bennie Wendy Wormersley	Claire Johnson
23 rd	Karen O/V	Penelope and Jack Harrison	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Helen Dawson
30 th	Joan J. O John Alpin V	Muriel May Jenny Sanderson	Joan & Evan Jones	Pauline Howell
Aug				
6 th	Brenda – O Pauline - V	Hilda Hanks Erica Castle	Brenda Goodwin Ron Edwards	Sandra Mathews
13 th	Karen O/V	Denis and Sylvia Trevethick	Hilda Hanks Helen Mills	Margaret McDonald
20 th	Barry O/V	Sue Hewitt Andy Simmons	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Pat Mills
27 th	Joan J - O John Alpin - V	Pam and Derrik Copeland	Joan and Evan Jones	Jennifer Sanderson
Sept				
3 rd	Brenda - O Karen - V	Margaret Edwards Muriel May	Brenda Goodwin Ron Edwards	Joan Stephens
10 th	Hilda O/V	Christina Walton Arthur Pimm	Mary and Barry Treadwell	Hilda Hanks
17 th	Diane – O Helen D.- V	Denis and Pat Mills	Diana Bennie Wendy Wormersley	Joan Jones
24 th	Marion O/V	Penelope and Jack Harrison	Helen and Kevin Dawson	Mary Treadwell

If you would be willing to go on the rota for any of these tasks then please let Karen, Marion Barton or Hilda know. You could do the job with an 'old hand' the first time if you wish. The more people to share the less often any one person is called on.

2017	MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS	
Jan 14th	Water Aid	£260
Feb 11th	People Against Poverty	£165
March 11th	"Fish & Chip Babies" - Mission International	£205
April 8th	Horatio's Garden	£220
May 13th	Zimbabwe V S F	£322
June 10th	Action for Children	
July 8th	Cancer Research	
August 12th	Guide Dogs for Blind	
Sept 9th	Motor Neurone Disease Association	
Oct 14th	Rwanda Education	
Nov 11th	Shoeboxes	
Dec 9th	Action on hearing loss (was RNID)	



Just over two years ago two Christians felt encouraged by God to start an Advice and signposting organisation supported by volunteers from all the churches in Warminster. It is called Cornerstone because Jesus is the cornerstone of the initiative and every session opens and closes with prayer. Some church members have become trustees; other church members volunteer to help people who walk through the door with any problem they might have from homelessness or just needing a chat and a cup of coffee. We praise God for the opportunity to help the people of Warminster - before Easter our 1,000 client entered the building. We are happy to search on line for probate information, fill in a Universal Credit application form, help phrase a CV or just listen. The organisation is expanding to Mobile Cornerstone where the same helpfulness is being extended to hospitals and villages - Christians on rotas to point people towards the right phone number or form and help make the call or fill in the details if asked. We can be found on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings next door to the Hub in the main car park in Warminster.

Karen Woollard

Tuesday June 13th

Sarum Concern for Israel / Palestine presents

A LUNCH TIME CONCERT OF MIDDLE EASTERN MUSIC

played by four Palestinian musicians in the chapel of Sarum College
from 12.30 to 1.30 pm, followed by Palestinian refreshments.

All four musicians are current or past teachers at the renowned Edward Said National Conservatory of Music with branches in Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank. For tickets (at £10 each) telephone 01722 349740.

For further details - see www.sarumconcern.org

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EVENING WALKS

We have had 2 evening walks so far this year. April at East Knoyle and May around Horningsham, both on lovely sunny evenings and both followed by a welcome dinner in a convenient pub.



There will be a walk one evening in June but the date and venue have yet to be decided. Look out for announcements on weekly notice sheets.

Joan Jones

1st Friday Fellowship.

The group continues to enjoy a meal and time of fellowship each month and continues to grow, with 26 members. Over the past few months we have had a variety of guest speakers, including dogs for the blind, Warminster town crier and action for children. In June we have our A.G.M. , in July our summer outing to Lyndhurst and Buckles Hard and possibly a shared picnic in August.

Penelope Harrison



Buckles Hard



We invite you to

REFORMATION 500
Moving On

An evening to inform and come together
Friday 20 October 2017 (7—9.00 pm)

This is a special event at Market Lavington Community Hall to mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation.

Key speakers: The Revd. Dr. Anna Claar Thomasson-Rosingh Director of Studies, Centre for Formation in Ministry, Sarum College The Revd. Michael Robertson Ecumenical Officer on the Commission for Dialogue and Unity, Clifton Diocese.

For more information contact Liz Overthrow
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Penelope shared a couple of brilliant designs for a banner for the Cameo room with us all , and one was chosen to be made. The sewing group have made a start on this and work is slowly progressing. If there is anyone who would like to lend a hand in this please have a word with Penelope.





We are delighted that we now have regular children's activities every Sunday. Our new JAM group (Jesus and Me) is using the Roots material the same as other churches in David's care. This is based on the lectionary readings, so the children are looking at the same thing as the adults . We have Solomon and Ebenezer with us regularly and were pleased to have a young girl join in one week recently .

We would be pleased to welcome any other children who would like to come along. There are currently 4 of us taking it in turns to run the sessions – and thoroughly enjoying doing so!



