



The Cheapstreeter

CHEAP STREET CHURCH, SHERBORNE, DORSET
A Church at the heart of the Community with the Community at heart



Open the Book began in Bedford in 1999 and has since been taken up by teams from churches who take dramatized Bible stories into school assemblies. In 2013, it came under the umbrella of the Bible Society

This year OtB is celebrating its 20th Anniversary

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Seven years ago, Cheap Street Church began going into the Abbey School. Each assembly lasts approximately fifteen minutes and we use the material provided by Open the Book, the Lion Storyteller Bible, which is a rolling three year programme

Colleen

Don

Margaret



Kevin

Elaine

Martin

Barbara

The Centurion Servant

It is recognized that unless children hear Bible stories by the age of 11 they are unlikely ever to know them. Over the years, we have built up a pool of costumes and artefacts – including a helmet for Goliath constructed from a flower pot covered with foil! It is a privilege to do this work, as well as being great fun. You may have seen us in church recently performing 'The Road to Emmaus'. If you would like to join the team – perhaps in a walk-on part initially - you would be very welcome. Please contact either me or Don Farquharson

Barbara Porter



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From the Minister

Pentecost

At the first Pentecost, the church had one message, spoken in many different languages and in many different ways, and that was to declare the truth or the facts about Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension. It was a message that was critical of past actions of the hearers and their leaders for their part in Jesus' death, but also a message that held out hope to those same people through Jesus' resurrection. It is a message of hope that is just as important in our world today as it was when the church first began to tell its message about Jesus and engage and build bridges with the world around them

In recent weeks in our country, we have been bombarded with messages for and against Brexit. It is an issue and the way forward continues to divide us as a country. Whatever the outcome, perhaps the biggest challenge will be how we discover what unites us as a country and how we can celebrate the diversity that makes up the United Kingdom

On the 30th May, the Cricket Fifty Over World Cup will begin and will conclude on the 14th July. If you follow cricket, you will no doubt have your favourite team and if it is knocked out, you will choose another that you hope will lift the trophy. What is to be hoped for is, not only are there some exceptional games, where the players do justice to their talents and are played in the right spirit, but also that it is enjoyed in safety by the supporters of all the participating countries, and that bridges of friendship are built, regardless of which team eventually wins the competition

What the church declared at Pentecost is that, as diverse as we are, through Jesus' death and resurrection and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, God has built a bridge of friendship with all of us

Duncan

The First Pentecost

Life would never be the same for those who were part of the events of the first day of Pentecost. For the Apostles, who had spent three years watching Jesus and learning from Him, this was when they stepped up to carry on His work, after He ascended to heaven. For others present, this would be the day when they had come to an understanding of who Jesus is and would commit their lives to become His followers.

Pentecost – the day when a ragtag bunch of men would become the beginning of a global movement of believers

Lives Remembered

<i>Lewis Osment</i>	<i>14 June 1999</i>
<i>John Clark</i>	<i>2 June 2000</i>
<i>Maureen Vellacott</i>	<i>20 June 2000</i>
<i>Keith Davies</i>	<i>22 June 2002</i>
<i>Alun Morgan</i>	<i>24 June 2009</i>
<i>Sadie Coney</i>	<i>1 July 2011</i>
<i>Joan Patrick</i>	<i>17 July 2015</i>

A sad sad story about Nobody

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done but didn't

Anon

** Martin Heal read this on a church notice board on Anglesey and read it at a Thought for the Day when several people said they'd like a copy*

Build bridges, not walls

On yer Bike

Cycling is an activity very close to my heart; you could say I'm a little bit addicted. But it's not an addiction I'm worried about - in fact I'm rather glad. The reason being that over the last few years more and more research has been done into the benefits of cycling and it appears it gives more health benefits than almost any other type of exercise. Studies comparing people who commuted on foot vs on foot + public transport vs cycling found that benefits to health were greatest in the group that cycled. With the spate of British winners of the Grand Tours (Tour de France, Giro d'Italia etc) and the success of Team GBs cyclists in recent Olympics, there has been an increase in people taking up cycling as a hobby let alone as a means of transport. But what about the hills I hear you say; the younger you are, the quicker you'll be able to get used to our local hills, and if you're thinking about getting back on a bike in your more mature years, there's always the option of an electric bike. Riley's Cycles in Sherborne has a good range, and sensible advice. Cycling is also great for your mental health; you're exercising out in the fresh air, and if going out with a group there's the chat and camaraderie, let alone the banter at the coffee (and possibly cake) stop

If you want to find a local cycle club, or an organized ride try the British Cycling website (www.britishcycling.org.uk), and for women there are Breeze rides which can be found on the Lets Ride website (www.letsride.co.uk). These are run by ladies, for ladies, using easy roads lasting 1-1.5hrs and always with a stop for tea/coffee and cake. These happen locally as I, and some other ladies I know, lead them every few weeks

I hope to pass you on 2 wheels in our beautiful lanes sometime soon

Liz Long

oOo

From being quite young, I have looked for an older person I could emulate – and I still do even now I am 70. Two days ago, I had dinner with a young lady in her early eighties. I hope I am as generous and politically astute when I am her age. Last month I danced in a friends' kitchen with his mother-in-law who is in her nineties. I hope I will be as lively and positive when I am her age. But one thing I will not do is emulate the Duke of Edinburgh by giving up my driving licence!
(Author unknown)

We've been out and about in Sherborne recently strengthening our links with the community. We were thrilled to be part of the Ted-X event in May and produced a music video that was screened on the day. "What Good Is Youth?" was written and performed by one of our regular centre users and we're very proud of everyone involved. Our pilot counselling project in Sherborne Primary School is going well and forms a natural addition to our mental health and emotional wellbeing programme led by Jemma Turner who offers 1.5 days support a week at the Gryphon School as well as her centre based work. We've played an active role in interschool and agency meetings focussing on the needs of the children in our community and are developing lots of plans for the future.

We've also been raising funds and our profile with a street collection and a car boot sale which raised over £400 in total and are at the Sherborne Country Fair on Bank Holiday Monday. These activities help us to connect with a wide range of local and not-so-local people and as an added bonus often result in new volunteers coming forward. Do get in touch if you'd like to help or know more
Helen Da Silva Wood

First Man on the Moon - 50th Anniversary



Crew of Apollo 11
Neil Armstrong
Michael Collins
Edwin Aldrin

50 years ago, on 16 July 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off toward the Moon and four days later the *Eagle* lunar landing module, guided manually by Neil Armstrong, touched down on a plain near the south western edge of the Sea of Tranquillity. **At 10:56pm on 20 July 1969**, Armstrong stepped onto the Moon's dusty surface and spoke the now-famous words:
"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"

On Saturday, 11th May, seven of us from Cheap Street Church went to the Methodist Church at Sturminster Newton, where we had a warm welcome from the Revd. Denise Binks and church members. The silence of a quiet day can be disconcerting for some people, but the church had been arranged with a room for those who felt they needed to talk to someone, also there were prayer stations in the church itself to focus our minds and, for those who wanted to walk on that sunny day, we were guided from the church to the Trailway, so we could walk, reflect and pray

“Thy Kingdom Come” was the theme which The Revd Christina le Moignan led us to consider. I wonder how many times in our lives we have used that phrase when we pray? Each reflection Christina presented with a short talk, with a printed summary of it and questions, which we used in the quiet time that followed it. The two sessions in the morning were on *Jesus and the Kingdom* and *The Kingdom and ourselves: how do we find a place in the kingdom?* After a shared lunch, the final session was a challenge: *The Kingdom and ourselves: how can we do the work of the Kingdom?* I am sure that, like me, others appreciated Christina’s friendly, down-to-earth approach to what might be considered a daunting subject, whilst giving us plenty to consider in the quiet of our home

We all appreciated the friendship that the members of Sturminster Newton Methodist Church showed us, the hospitality they gave us and for organising the shared lunch

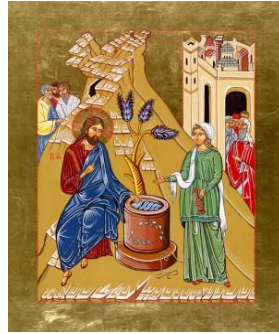
Monica Fowler

When Sorrow Walked with Me

I walked a mile with Pleasure
She chatted all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say
I walked a mile with Sorrow
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me

Robert Hamilton

The Retreat Association is a national organisation which offers ways to help people find space for prayer and reflection through retreats and reflective activities



One of the most significant gifts to the Association has been the icon of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, which was created by John Coleman who lives in Dorset and whose icons are on display at Sherborne Abbey

John first started work on the icon in 2017 and after it was completed this beautiful image has been on display at a number of different retreat centres, churches and cathedrals around the UK. The story of the Woman at the Well was chosen by the Retreat Association because it has so many links with themes of rest, encounter and new life through the living water of the well. We hope that those visiting the icon will find inspiration in the story which has such a universal appeal and has been an inspiration to so many. The theme of rest and encounter is particularly significant in a 24/7 world where taking time out or being listened to have become less and less common in everyday life

The Retreat Association can offer ways of taking time out on retreat. It can also help people find someone with whom they can share their faith journey – a spiritual director or mentor. This companion will come alongside the individual, listening attentively and prayerfully, offering insights and suggestions in an encounter where God is always present. To find out more or to see the programme of venues where the Retreat Association icon is on display, please see the website (address below)

John Coleman can be found working on his icons during the summer. He will be in St Mary’s Church, Cerne Abbas on 2–19th August, as well as Sherborne Abbey (dates as yet unconfirmed)

Alison MacTier, Executive Director of the Retreat Association www.retreat.org.uk 01494 569056

Apologies and Thanks

I am really sorry to keep you waiting for the new Church Directory. It is proving to be a bigger job than I imagined with so much updating to do this time. It is my priority now and I hope that you'll have it by the end of June

Very warm thanks to the Family Committee for organising the Cream Tea for our 25th Anniversary celebrations - to Norma for the beautiful cake, to John for cutting it, as well as to Raymond for his reflections on the coming together of our two partner churches. It was an afternoon to remember. A shortened version of Raymond's talk is available for you to read in the latest edition of "The Bridge" magazine. We were also delighted with the lovely array of pictures, taken by George

For your Diary

Sat 25 May 10.00 am: Plant sale for the Green Shed in the Hall with coffee and cakes

Thurs 6 June 7.00 pm: Meeting of the Church Council in the Hall

**June Bible Month - Paul's letter to the Colossians
Fridays 7 & 14 June**

Bible study Duncan 7.00-8.00 pm in the Hall

Sat 8 Jun 2.00-4.30 pm District Discussion Forum on marriage and relationships at Bemerton Methodist Church, Salisbury (postponed from earlier date)

Sun 9 Jun from 12.30 Pentecost Picnic outside The Abbey

Sat 15 Jun Presentation on the work of Hope in Africa, followed by cream tea

Thurs 12 Jul 7.00pm: Church Meeting in the Hall

Sun 28 Jul 10.30 am: URC Synod Moderator, Revd Clare Downing, will lead worship

Sun 18 Aug 10.30 am "Who is my neighbour?" Service with Canon Bill Cave

Sat 19 Oct 10.30 am Quiet Day in the Catholic Church Hall, led by Mark Greenstock

The Pastoral report seems to coincide with the change of seasons of the year and we are now hopefully looking forward to a comfortably warm summer

Janet Le Moignan is still waiting for further surgery and we send her our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. George Baker has been ill for quite some time and has been quite poorly for the last three weeks in Taunton hospital. Once again offers of help with transport to Taunton Hospital were immediate, and for which Janet is very grateful. We send our love and prayers to all who are ill whether at home or in hospital and ask God's blessing on them and their families

We also send best wishes to all our young people from Elsie, the youngest in Nursery school, to the oldest in University or at work and wish them well in all the examinations and the choices they will have to make in the future

During the Easter weekend, those of us who were able to attend the services on Maundy Thursday evening and Good Friday afternoon experienced something very special. On Thursday evening the illuminated cross, paintings, words and music created a very emotional experience. Friday afternoon we had a few hymns and readings alternating with narrative written and spoken by Duncan. Both services were amazing. Thank you Duncan *Eirwen*

If I was to ask what heaven meant to you, or what your idea of hell might be – I imagine [and indeed I have] over the years had a huge range of different answers depending on a person's situation, health and overall well-being. But quite a lot of people I meet, who don't have any church connection, tell me about their belief in a place called heaven and that their loved ones have gone there. Regardless of our beliefs about what happens when we die, many have a personal view what hell on earth means to them. Rodin's Gates of Hell sculpture in Paris brilliantly characterises Hell's relentlessness, the lack of rest, the turmoil, the suffering and complete lack of any final destination at the end of our lives. And as I gazed at Rodin's work during a visit last year, I remembered the words of Milton who wrote: "the mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell or a hell of heaven"

The Revd Dr Rob Marshall

Love Wins

He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

Edwin Markham

I grew up as an only child, in Stoke sub Hamdon and was the 7th generation of my Mum's family to do so. Dad came from Yeovil. Both of my parents worked in the gloving industry, which was not unusual in Stoke as there were seven factories in the village during my childhood



Judith Hayward

Ours was quite a static family you might say but my great grandparents and most of my granddad's siblings emigrated to the US in the early 1900's. This was a common occurrence for families working in the gloving industry in our area. I attended Primary School in the village and on passing my 11+. I attended the Girls' High School in Yeovil

My family attended the Congregational Church in Stoke and had done so since the Church was built in 1866. Dad sang in the choir and Mum taught in the Sunday school. I went to Sunday school twice on Sundays. The Church formed a great part of our social life as well. I belonged to an organisation called the Girls' Guild where one activity was an entertainment group. I really enjoyed performing! I also belonged to the Brownies and then the Guides in the village. In my teens, I became a member of the Church choir and a Sunday school teacher. I also enjoyed time with the Somerset Young Congregationalists leading worship around the county and enjoying social events and weekends away. It was during this time that Derek and his family moved to the village and started to attend the church. He was at college at the time and then in the Merchant Navy for several years so ours was a long distance friendship during that time

It was always my dream to become a school teacher. Sadly Mum died when I was just 17 and, as an only child, I felt that to leave Dad and go to college was not really an option. It was at this time that I realised how important my faith was. I went to work at Normalair (now Honeywell) in Yeovil, starting as a clerk but attending the local technical college gained shorthand and typing skills and became a secretary. As I was really interested in languages, I took a commercial French course at the company and so also became a translator, spending a lot of my time translating technical documents from French into English

When Derek left the sea he worked in a couple of organisations before joining the Plessey Company at

Templecombe, as an electronics engineer, where he stayed until retirement. When we got married we bought our first and later our present house in Bradford Abbas. We have two children Andrew, who is married with two children and they also live in the village, and Sarah who lives with her husband in Switzerland. After we moved to Bradford Abbas, I joined the United Reformed Church in Yeovil and soon became a Junior Church teacher and later an Elder and for a short time a joint Church Secretary. I have always been involved with village life, from Playschool and PTA committees to the village Variety Club raising money for local charities where I have been known to sing and dance. Now Derek and I are both committee members of the village History Society

I worked for a few years as a lunchtime supervisor at the village school and when our children were both at secondary school I began to work, part time, for the Somerset Library Service where I stayed until my retirement and beyond. Derek travelled widely in his job so working part time gave me plenty of time with the children. Now I volunteer at St Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil and am Chair of Governors at the village Primary School

My hobbies include reading, gardening and to keep fit I attend Zumba classes twice a week. A hobby which Derek and I share is Genealogy and on holidays to America we have been able to carry out research and meet with previously unknown family members also in Australia we have been able to visit areas where some of Derek's family lived. We have enjoyed many holidays in France and have always enjoyed walking. Unfortunately Derek's health doesn't allow for much walking now but there is still plenty to see and I am a real Francophile

I started attending Cheap Street Church when I knew that my church in Yeovil was closing and I am so grateful to the members for making me feel so welcome. Both of the churches where I was a member, previously, are now closed. I can't see that happening in Cheap Street for a while and I give thanks for that

Judith Hayward

"Faith is not for overcoming obstacles; it is for experiencing them—all the way through!"

Richard Rohr

Hope in Africa

A Cream Tea will be held on Saturday, 15 June at 3.00pm, when Matthew and Michelle Barrow, who are in charge of this charity, will be making a presentation on the wonderful work that is being done in Uganda, Kenya and Malawi. Please put your name on the list in the Hall to help us with the catering. There will be no charge, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the charity

It made a difference An old man came across a small boy at the seashore. The boy was stopping every so often to bend down, pick up an object, and throw it into the sea. "May I ask what you're doing?" the old man asked. "Throwing these starfish back into the ocean," the boy explained. "They've been washed up, and can't get back by themselves" and the old man said "But there must be thousands of starfish here. I'm afraid you won't be able to make much of a difference". The boy picked up yet another starfish, threw it as far as he could into the ocean and said with a smile, "It made a difference to that one". In a world and a society with huge problems, it's easy to be negative, hard to imagine how we can make a difference. When the challenges seem huge, think small - we can change a small part of it for someone

God of the mountain and the mustard seed, give us the courage to use what we have, to make a difference wherever you lead us. Help us to change the world, one starfish at a time. Amen. The Revd Lynne Gibson, Rector, St Mark's Church, Ballymacash, Lisburn

NEW FEATURE in the magazine

I should like to create a

MEMORY BOX

into which I could put special memories, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, deaths - or anything else - that could go into the magazine

So, please, let me have details of any special memories or anniversaries, etc. *Raymond*

Global Prayer 30 May to 9 June

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have initiated this week of global prayer when all churches can be open and available to all. We will be open from 11 – 12 each day to pray for our town and our country and any part of our world which is laid on your heart and we hope townspeople will feel able to come too. This time will not be led in any way. It is a time of quiet prayer
Go to thykingdomcome.global and you can see and hear so many wonderful testimonies

Colleen

Lord, help us to take time to focus on what we can give to our families, communities and to our nation. At a time of uncertainty, when there is so much anxiety, help us to find ways to comfort, support and love others with the love You have given us
Amen

God has given us all gifts or skills, some more than others, but sometimes we become comfortable in a gift and tend to neglect it. We have a responsibility to use the gift(s) God has bestowed upon us. So, let us pray that we walk in what God has called us to - no 'ifs' or 'buts'. Be all that God has called us to be!

Juanita Francis, Youth Pastor at Ruach City Church, London

When I was born, I was BLACK
When I grew up, I was BLACK
When I went in the sun, I stayed BLACK
When I got cold, I was BLACK
When I was scared, I was BLACK
When I was sick, I was BLACK
And when I die, I'll still be BLACK
Now, you "white" folk....
When you're born, you're PINK
When you grow-up, you're WHITE
When you go in the sun, you go RED
When you're cold, you turn BLUE
When you're scared, you're YELLOW
When you get sick, you're GREEN
When you bruise, you turn PURPLE
And when you die, you look GREY
And you dare to call *me* COLOURED!

Anon



Raymond Wood

CELEBRATION
of our
25th
Anniversary
as a
United Church



The Revd John Stanfield



Norma

Our wonderful Ladies who prepared
and served the delicious tea



Eirwen

Pat

Jenn



Yve

Raymond gave a short talk on the years leading up to the 30th March 1994, when the Methodist and URC congregations signed a Declaration of Intent in which they covenanted to work, worship and witness under the name of Cheap Street Church. In the years since, there have been many changes, and through love, respect, understanding and prayer, we have surely become one congregation. The Lord certainly has bound us together in love and we have been truly blessed. We are a prayerful, loving, happy church family, and a caring, outward-looking church

So, there was much to celebrate! Norma made a lovely Anniversary cake, which was cut by our oldest and much-loved member, The Revd John Stanfield (who celebrated his 99th Birthday on 7th April). And our ever-reliable, hard-working ladies provided a super cream tea. The happy occasion was recorded for posterity by George Hamill who produced some excellent photographs

**Cherish the past,
adorn the present,
create for the future**

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