



## CHEAP STREET CHURCH

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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## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Church Secretary

The Church Council met recently. Among other things we reviewed our Zoom Sunday services. About 30 people joined in last time and there was general appreciation for this. We made one or two minor changes and Duncan has now invited Wincanton Methodist Church congregation to join us too. If you are able, but haven't been involved yet, why not try it?

We are aware that some among us cannot access Zoom, and this is why the newsletter includes an order of service, which links into the Minister's Thought for the Week. Someone said to me - 'Yes, but we can't read the hymns'. That is something we can alter. If you would like to borrow a Church hymn book, please let me know and we will see you get one.

The newsletter is very important to us all at the moment and we do thank Penny and George for their regular issues, keeping us all in touch with each other. In the near future George will not be able to continue doing this, owing to taking on other Church activity, so we urgently need someone to take his place. If you have the facility to do this, please consider whether you could offer to support the Church in this way, because it really is a lifeline. Penny or George could tell you more about what is involved, and Duncan or I would be keen to hear from you.

Finally, we are intending to start weekly Zoom Coffee Mornings soon.- please see George's note about further details. And please remember that not everyone can be reached on Zoom and keep contact in other ways, like the phone.

**Janet Le Moignan**

### Cheap Street Worship



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3 pm on Zoom led by the Revd Duncan Goldie**

Notices

Welcome

Call to Worship. Mark 1:15.

Music: *Singing the Faith* 440      Amazing grace - how sweet the sound

Prayer

Readings      Jonah 3:1-10. Mark 1:14-20.

Sermon

What do the readings say to you?

Music: *Singing the Faith* 685      In Christ there is no east or west,

Prayers

Music: *Singing the Faith* 563      O Jesus, I have promised

Benediction

The joining instructions for this Sunday's service (and subsequent Sundays) are in this week's email. Please contact George Faris (details at the end of the newsletter) to be added to the email distribution list and for help accessing Zoom.

## Duncan's Message

Lectionary Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Epiphany 3.

Psalm 62:5-12, Jonah 3:1-5, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20.

In our reading from Jonah, we meet Jonah as he finally does what God has asked him to do and calls the people of Nineveh to change the way they live and to do what God requires of them. It is a message that you would not expect the people of Nineveh to pay any attention to, but contrary to expectations it is a message they take to heart and change their way of life. In the past year we have had a message delivered to us about the need to change our lives due to our required response to the Coronavirus; we are now hopefully looking forward to another change of life which we hope the vaccines developed to protect us from virus will bring. One of the challenges of following Jesus is to live the new way of life that God calls us to, something Paul, in our reading from 1 Corinthians, is reminding, both us and the Church in Corinth he is writing to.

In our reading from Mark, we meet Jesus as he is calling the Galilean fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John to a new life of following Jesus as one of his disciples. While they would occasionally fish again it was to be a total change of their lives. Not everyone would respond in the same way when Jesus called them to follow him, as in the case of the rich man in Mark 10:17-31. Our response to Jesus' call to follow him is one we continue to make as we seek with the help of the Holy Spirit to live the New Life Jesus has called us to.

Hymn: *Singing the Faith* 673 Will you come and follow me (click for [YouTube](#) version).

## Pastoral News

Jackie Bullen has developed shingles. Luckily she managed to get a doctor to visit on Sunday and was given medication immediately to help prevent the spread to the other side of her body. We send our love and prayers to Jackie from all at Cheap Street Church.

I'm sure many of you like me, have received the COVID vaccination and like me, were amazed at the fantastic organisation that provided hundreds of residents from Sherborne and the surrounding villages, with such a slick trouble-free experience when we attended the clinic.

Let us give thanks for our local doctors and nurses and all who are involved, who are likely to be involved for many weeks to come.

Love and prayers to you all and Stay Safe. **Eirwen Cox**

## Fellowship of Prayer

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, Barbara and Dennis Porter; Eileen Higgins's son Robert and his wife Dawn; Clive and Jill Turner and Ellie and Sophie; Yve and Ken Ackroyd and all the family; Janet Baker; Martin Heal; Phyllis Batchelor; Duncan's mother; Eileen Higgins; Alex Palmer; Peter and Marjorie Kett.

We continue to remember the families of those who have died recently: Derek Hayward, Ron Dolling, Charles Pennington, Gill Hunt, John Hooper, Hilda Clarke, John Green, Graham Pennington and Brian Crew.

*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 01935 389153, Janet Le Moignan 01935 389662.*

## Thought for the Day from Duncan Goldie

1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

*Without love what are we?*

This chapter from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is a passage that we are very familiar with, and one that we frequently turn to at the significant times in our lives such as weddings and funerals. I suspect when Paul wrote this in his letter he had neither of these two life milestones in mind, but that whatever was being done or gifts that were being exercised in the church, that it would be done with a framework of selfless love, which was seeking others good and not any personal gain or enhancement.

In the ongoing events in America, we have seen a great number of people who have been exercising personal or political power for personal gain; with the selfless love that Paul talks about for others has been absent. By this Thursday there will be a new American president, hopefully without the further threatened violence, and hopefully

the new administration will exercise the power and responsibility they have been trusted with, out of selfless love without thought for any personal gain.

This is the same love that we have seen in the care which we have seen given by key workers who have risked their own physical and mental health in order to care for those who are ill or have to self-isolate. At this time we need to act out of selfless love towards one another, as we continue to wear masks, keep our distance, and look forward to a successful vaccination against the Covid 19 Virus.

Hymn: *Singing the Faith* 615. Let love be real, in giving and receiving (click for a [YouTube version](#) from the Isle of Man to an Irish tune).

### Prayers for the persecuted church

*Jackie Bullen is poorly so here is her contribution from 2 April last year:*

This week Sudan, where Islam is illegal, and believers from a Muslim background can be sentenced to death. Most believers have to keep their faith completely secret and can be put under house arrest by their families if their new faith is discovered. The country is currently in a period of great unrest following the ousting of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, whose authoritarian rule lasted 30 years.

Let us pray for encouragement and strength for Christians facing extreme opposition; that God will use this time of political change to increase His kingdom, and that Open Doors partners will be equipped to strengthen the Church. Amen.

### The Cheapstreeter

If you have anything for the church magazine, I would be grateful if you could let me have it by **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January.** **Raymond Wood**

### NHS Staff Treats – the response



Thanks to all who donated to treats for A&E staff at Yeovil Hospital. This photo shows the donations from Cheap Street as well as friends in two Bradford Abbas book clubs. I am doing another collection for the Intensive Care staff, so if anyone hasn't donated and would like to do so, I'm happy to pick up from you. Many thanks, **Cath Adam** 01935 432945 [cathadam1@talktalk.net](mailto:cathadam1@talktalk.net).

### Cheap Street Zoom Coffee Morning

Last week Geoff Gardner suggested that a Zoom coffee morning might be a possibility we could consider. After due consideration we will be starting on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am** and see how we get on. The joining instructions are in this week's email. **George Faris**

### Church Meeting

There will be a short church meeting on Zoom on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm. Joining instructions will be in next week's email.

### Worship Resources

Radio 4: Sunday Worship at 8.10 am: *Be the light in the darkness!* a service marking Holocaust Memorial.

Methodist resources: [click here](#). URC resources: [click here](#).

URC: [daily devotions and a Sunday service \(click here to subscribe\)](#).

### Contributions to future newsletters

Please send contributions by midday Wednesday to:  
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