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April 7th  
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.

**April 7th 2024**

Councillor on Duty – Jan Wallace  
Door Stewards- Lynn Heaton and Yve Ackroyd  
Music – Peter Jackson  
Sound – George Faris

## Welcome to Our Sunday Service

Sunday's Service will be at 10.30am and will be led by **Linda Catchpole**

This week the Sherborne Churches Together (SCT) will be praying for **St Pauls Church at the Gryphon**

**Prayer time** at 9.45 on Thursday

Thought for the Day – Thursday April 11th at 10.30am, led by **Don Farquharson**

Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> the 10.30 service will be led by **Revd Kate Konrad**

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

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

### Pastoral

Pam Tapper was discharged from The Willows a week ago. she is very glad to be home and is making slow but steady progress. Geoff has made very good progress and tells me he is almost 100%. We send Geoff and Pam our love and best wishes as they continue to recover at home.

The name Dennis Tackley may be familiar to a few of us in Cheap Street, Dennis was a member at Yetminster Methodist Church and when Yetminster closed recently, Dennis decided to transfer his membership to Cheap Street Church. Dennis has been a local preacher for over 60 years and during that time will have preached at Cheap Street quite often but is now retired. We are very pleased to welcome him to our congregation.

Margaret Walker who is at The Hayes, recently had a fall and broke a bone in her shoulder. We send Margaret our best wishes love and prayers, wishing her a good recovery.

Jackie Bullen has still not recovered well enough to be with us in church. We send her our love and best wishes and hope to see her soon.

Birthdays.

Monday 8th. April Pat Leadbetter.

Friday 12th. Jane Billington.

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

Please remember our church family in your prayers during the coming week.  
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.



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**The Methodist Church**

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

**Pakistan:** Last year's devastating attack on the Christian community in Jaranwala was a sobering reminder of the hostile environment that Pakistani believers live in. This violence drew the world's attention – but Christians also face less obvious persecution every day.

“We are a lower class because we are Christians,” says Rehena. She works long hours in a factory under poor conditions. Christians like Rehena are treated as second-class citizens in Pakistan, only offered jobs considered low and

dirty. She says “we have no right to any privileges and have no right to dignity. It is an insult to Muslims to eat with us off the same plate. If we touch the plate, it becomes defiled.” At the factory she has to keep her faith quiet. “It is dangerous to discuss my faith in Jesus, and we have to hide our identity, we cannot even say the name of Christ.”

But Rehena is one of many Pakistani Christians remaining firm in her faith, despite what it costs her. “If I must choose between Jesus and a better life, the choice is not difficult,” she says, “Jesus is the only way – this is what I cling to”.

Let us pray with Rehena: Heavenly father, please watch over the 600,000 Christian women in Pakistan, who, like Rehena, work in poor conditions in factories. Keep their eyes fixed on you and show them your loving kindness. Protect and encourage all your children in Pakistan.

**Amen**

## FROM THE SECRETARY



Just a reminder that our annual Church Meeting will be held after Church and a shared lunch on Sunday April 14th.

This is when Church appointments will be re-elected, and new changes proposed as well as other areas of our Church life shared.

Don

## EASTER OFFERING

### Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering

At Easter our church supports the Methodist Women in Britain Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church. Envelopes are available for the next few weeks.

Those of you who have Gift Aid declarations can ignore the small print on the envelopes and just add your surname and the date. Nothing need be written on envelopes where Gift Aid is not applicable.

Finally, please make any cheques payable to Cheap Street Church Sherborne and not as requested on the envelope.

George Faris

### Donations in memory of Paul Wilkins

£479 has been donated so far in Paul's memory from the retiring collection at the funeral service and subsequently. In addition, Paul left a legacy of

£1,000 to the church. How we remember Paul will be discussed at the church meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

George Faris

## LETTERS

### ACTS 435

This is to let you know that I will be informing Acts 435 that Cheap Street Church will cease linking with them with effect from the 12th of April unless a volunteer comes forward by then.. This is, of course, a great shame, but I hope and pray that another church in Sherborne will take it on. So if anyone is interested please contact me as soon as possible and I will be delighted to discuss the matter with you.

Jackie

## Easter Flowers

Thank you very much to the ladies who gathered together to help decorate the church Easter weekend. As we worked, we had a lovely time of fellowship. We filled about twelve vases of flowers and we made 60 Posies for The Cross. I received two Donations, and they ,along with the flowers and greenery brought by the helpers meant that I did not have to give a bill to our treasurer George Faris! The Cross did indeed look beautiful.

Thank you  
Eirwen



## MARGARETS POETRY CHOICE

### Resurrection

by R. S. Thomas

Easter. The grave clothes of winter are still there, but the sepulchre is empty. A messenger from the tomb tells us how a stone has been rolled from the mind, and a tree lightens the darkness with its blossom. There are travellers upon the roads who have heard music blown from a bare bough, and a child tells us how the accident of last year, a machine stranded beside the way for lack of petrol is covered with flowers.

## Monday Musing with Music

### INFORMAL WORSHIP/DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

in Cheap Street Church hall

Theme: Resurrection / Rebirth

If you feel you have anything specific on the theme of Rebirth to share, whether a reading, poem, music or a testimonial we would love you to share it. Music choices can be emailed to email [sharon.hooper1@icloud.com](mailto:sharon.hooper1@icloud.com) / [roberthooper\\_77@hotmail.com](mailto:roberthooper_77@hotmail.com)

6.15pm – 7.45 pm

To get involved – send a piece of music, song or artist to Rob Hooper [roberthooper\\_77@hotmail.com](mailto:roberthooper_77@hotmail.com) or call Rob on 01935 321801

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Informal Worship - Monday 8th April at 6.15pm – 7.45** in Cheap Street Church Hall

**Annual Church Meeting - After Church on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Taize Service – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**

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

## ECO Tips from Rocha UK's Wild Christian

### APRIL

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine.

Reevaluate your journeys:

explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route

to include some form of active travel, i.e.

disembark a stop early and complete the

remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in

a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a

cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with

your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared

experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed

travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's

creation, nature's preservation and the reduction

in fossil fuel usage.



### EASTER IN SPIE OF MYSELF

On a day when I struggle to get out of bed, and long to walk any path but the one you have set

before me,  
I trudge to the river with my four-legged  
companion  
who must and will be walked.  
It is then that I see, as if for the first time, the  
beauty of this place:  
sunlight on the water,  
birdsong all around  
and a pervading sense of peace.  
And I experience footsteps in the dew,  
and a voice calls my name  
and I know in the depth of my being  
that you have arisen and once more it is Easter in  
my heart.  
Elizabeth Clark,  
from Summer

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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