

OUTLOOK



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Our Vision

- † To Worship God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
- † To make God's love known to all people
- † To show God's love by the way we lead our lives



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Stewards Rota for May

Date	Elder	2 nd Reader	Vestibule	Flowers
5 th	Janet Communion Shirley/Brian	Pat	Pat/Reg	Sheila
12 th	Marion	Liz	Liz/Brian	Shirley
19 th	David	Tom	Felicity/Janet	Felicity
26 th	Felicity	John	David/Judith	Pat
2 nd June	Shirley Communion Janet/Reg	May	Marion/Liz	Judith

Thursday Coffee Rota for May

2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th	6 th June
Marion/ Sybil	Pat/Reg	Liz	Janet/ Judith	Liz	Marion/ Sybil

Thank you to everyone who helps. Please change with someone else if you are not available.

Please send items for the Journal to:
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by the 12th of the month

Dear Friends,

This is the first 'pastoral letter' that I write as the minister for the Purbeck and Poole pastorate. It is less than a month since I started in this role, but I am already feeling at home here in the three churches. There are still many things for me to learn – not least the time it takes to travel between the three places – but I am beginning to learn a few names and work out where I'm supposed to be!

As I sit down and write this letter we are in the midst of the journey through Holy Week. This is always a special time for those of us who profess the Christian faith, for it is the events of this week that provide us with the focal point for our faith. It is a week that is filled with a mixture of high points and low points.

It is, perhaps more than any other, a time for us to remember what our Lord went through for each one of us. Bryn & Sally Haworth's hymn, *What kind of love is this*, speaks to us about the reality of what happened on Good Friday, as well as pointing to something of the truth of the grace of God that is revealed at the cross.

*What kind of man is this,
that died in agony?
He who had done no wrong
was crucified for me.
What kind of man is this,
who laid aside his throne
that I may know the love of God -
what kind of man is this?*

However, as we know, that is not all. It is not the end of the story. There is yet more to come. For we worship not just a crucified Saviour, but also a risen Lord. And the culmination of Holy Week, the moment when everything changes, comes with the dawning of Easter Sunday. This is a time for us to rejoice in the wonder and the glory of the resurrection! Stuart Townend and Keith Getty speak of this so eloquently in their hymn:

*See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!*

*See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!*

As we continue in our journey together, may we each hold on to the truth of Jesus' death and resurrection. May it be the rock that we build our faith on, and may we be willing to share this good news as best we can.

In His name,



Induction of New Minister

On 30th March, Reverend Martyn Neads was inducted to the new pastorate of Wareham, Swanage and Skinner Street, Poole United Reformed Churches (Purbeck and Poole Pastorate). The service, held in the impressive surroundings of Skinner Street URC, was attended by over 150 people. Keynote of the afternoon was joy and thankfulness and the hymn singing, supported by Swanage Music Group, was robust. Clare Downing, our Moderator, took Martyn and the churches through their declarations and the sermon was given by Revd David Shaw.

Martyn's previous pastorate was in the Wessex Synod, as is the new pastorate, but at the opposite end of the Synod area. After the service there was plentiful refreshment supplied by the three churches. Any surplus was later given to those in need.

We welcome Martyn, Lyn and Alex and hope they enjoy living and working in this beautiful area. Martyn's post is 100% scoping and his time will roughly be split into 60% at Swanage, 20% Poole and 20% Wareham. He will be taking a number of Sunday services at Wareham this year and also be present on first and third Thursdays at our Thursday coffee morning and Shoppers' Service. We will also see him at our other events, when his other duties allow.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the induction day a success. We give our particular thanks to Tim Meacham, our Interim Moderator, and the vacancy groups, who worked under Tim's guidance, to produce an exhaustive profile of the three churches which attracted the right minister.

Janet

Spring Coffee Morning

On Saturday 6th April we opened our doors to the community for a Spring Coffee morning. As well as serving refreshments we had a stall selling homemade items including a selection of knitted and crocheted Easter gifts; a book stall; a raffle and a sale of bric-a-brac which had been donated to the Church over the years.

Although the number of visitors could have been higher, we were delighted to welcome our new Minister and his family and friends along with familiar Church faces. We also had the honour of providing tea for three visiting Chelsea pensioners, who were staying in Wareham in order to attend an event at Bovington camp. They happily posed for photos in their scarlet uniforms and shared their stories with us.



Photo courtesy of Martyn's dad

A big thank you to all who participated; either through donations, time or attending. The sum of £115 was raised at a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Felicity Roberts

Preachers' List for May

Please remember all these ministers of the Word in your prayers.

- 5th Margaret Leivesley ~ *Communion*
- 12th Mary Chipping
- 19th Brenda McCarron
- 26th Revd Martyn Needs



Refreshments

are served every Sunday morning in the Guild Room after the service.
Please join us if you can.

Visitors please sign the visitors' book.

Thursdays at 10.30 am

there is a 20 minute Shoppers' Service in the church followed by coffee.

Prayer requests to Janet 555108 please.

Everyone is welcome to share the fellowship.

The Daily Round



We've had quite a lot of events in the past six months haven't we? Firstly the Christmas celebrations, then all the planning for the Induction of our new minister, Martyn Needs, and the excitement of the actual Induction, then Easter with its wonderful promise of new life through Jesus.

The Christian church has many special days and festivals throughout the year; in between we have to get back to the daily task of being a Christian, following Jesus every day. Some mornings I would much rather stay in bed than drag myself up for Sunday worship or Thursday Market Service and Coffee Morning. No chance as the dog would get me up anyway!

There are many highs in being a Christian, but usually it's the daily round of private prayer, public worship and just living our lives as Christians the best way we can, which is the most challenging. It's the time when God seems the most silent, then the discipline of prayer and habitual living in Christ's way will see us through. Eventually something happens, it may be something quite surprising, and we realise that God was listening to us all along.

Every blessing

Janet

Ordination of New Elder

On Sunday 7th April Revd Martyn Needs ordained Felicity Roberts as an Elder in the United Reformed Church. We are delighted to welcome Felicity to the team. At 50, Felicity is considerably younger than the current serving Elders, and we are sure she will be a great asset. Elders in the URC are ordained for life, even if non serving. We hope that Felicity will enjoy her new role and wish her every blessing.



Janet

We serve the whole community every day of the week and we welcome you to our services and activities.

MONDAY:

Splitz Studios (dance school for all ages) 4.00 – 7.15 pm

The Wareham Choral Society 7.30 - 9.45 pm

Band Practice 6.30 – 9.00 pm

TUESDAY:

We continue to offer a **cooked lunch** to all who live alone and enjoy the support which friendship gives. This is an unbroken service we have offered for over 30 years, thanks to a small group of volunteers; and is available every other week.

Splitz Studios 3.45 – 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Daisy Chain Fitness 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm

Splitz Studios 3.45 – 6.15 pm and 7.30 – 8.30 pm

Dorset Buttons 7.45 – 9.45 pm (winter only)

Boys Brigade Anchors 6.15 – 7.15 pm

THURSDAY:

Wareham Home Producers Market 8.30 – 11 am

(local food, produce and handmade items)

Thursday Service 10.30 am – 20-minute service to which everyone is welcome.

Refreshments in the small hall from 10.00 - 11.45 am open to all.

Fair Trade Stall (1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of each month) 10.30 – 11.45 am

Discussion Group (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month) 12 noon

Splitz Studios 4.00 – 7.00 pm

Town Band rehearsals 7.00 – 10.00 pm

FRIDAY:

Daisy Chain Fitness 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Melodies for Memories 1st and 2nd Friday 10.30 – 12 noon

(friendly sing-along with a musician; drop in or call Jules on 07342 88344)

Splitz Studios 4.15 – 5.45 pm

Badminton Club 7.45 – 9.45 pm

SATURDAY:

Splitz Studios 10.00 - 12.45 pm

The halls are available for hire for local events.

SUNDAYS:

We meet at 10.30 am for an inspirational service followed by refreshments.

Details of Church services are in the magazine

We thank all those who contribute to these activities and services.





Dates for your Diary ~ May 2019

Thursday 2nd May

Local Elections for the new Dorset Council
Don't forget to vote!

Thursday 2nd May

Discussion Group

We will be discussing Chapter 5 of 'Holy Habits'
Led by Revd Martyn Needs. All welcome
12 noon - 1 pm in the Small Hall

Tuesdays 14th and 28th

Lunch Club

If you want to join please see Liz or ring 01929 459440



Sunday 12th - Saturday 18th May

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Service

Sunday 12th May

10.30 am Wareham United Reformed Church
For all denominations
Led by Mary Chipping

***For other events, please look at the notice board
or listen to notices in church***