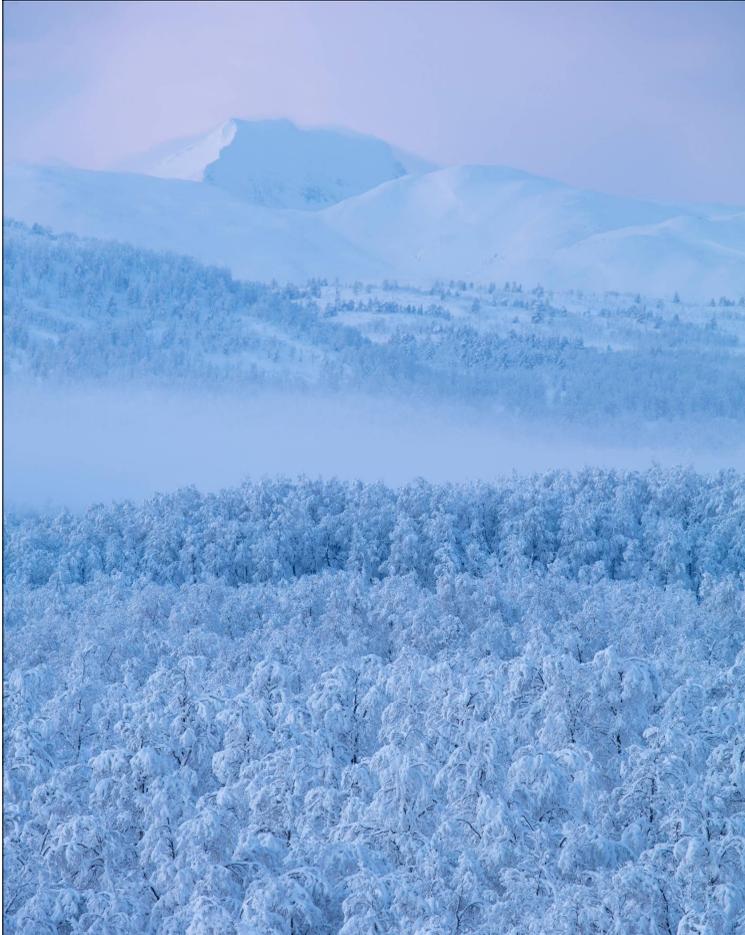


OUTLOOK



***THE JOURNAL OF
WAREHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
February 2019***



Minister Elect : Revd Martyn Needs

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 February

Date	Elder	2 nd Reader	Vestibule	Flowers
3 rd	David Communion Janet/Shirley	John	Marion/Liz	Pat
10 th	Marion	Pat	Pat/Reg	Judith
17 th	Brian	Liz	Felicity/Liz	Sheila
24 th	Janet	Felicity	David/Liz	Shirley
3 rd Mar	Shirley Communion Brian/Reg	May	Brian/Judith	Felicity

Thursday Coffee Rota for February

7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th	7 th March
Marion/ Sybil	Pat/Reg	Liz	Janet/ Judith	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:
janetcjennings@gmail.com
by the 12th of the month

[Pastoral Letter](#)

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have served as your Interim Moderator. The three fellowships of Swanage, Skinner Street and Wareham have demonstrated what can be achieved by prayerful collaboration and by recognising and enabling different gifts to flourish. During the time of ministerial vacancy all three churches have continued to worship, witness and serve and have, I believe, developed an increasing sense of being partners in a new pastorate. Practical considerations that might have been stumbling blocks have been turned into opportunities, and constructive discussion has enabled the three fellowships to learn about each other.

You have not been afraid of asking difficult questions and have been thorough in preparing a pastorate profile and in considering prospective ministers leading to a call to Revd Martyn Needs. Paul's image of the church as a body with many parts is easy to agree with but often harder to live out. I am confident that Martyn will be joining a fellowship that has, in practical terms, lived out the analogy. There will, inevitably, be problems to solve and, as yet unknown, opportunities to grasp as you and your new minister settle in together but the experience of this vacancy has, I am confident, left you ready for the race.

May God continue to bless your fellowships as you move into the next phase of witness and service in your respective communities.

Revd Tim Meachin
Interim Moderator





QUIZ NIGHT

Corfe Castle Village Hall
Saturday 2nd March 2019



7 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets £6 or £4 for those in full time education

Teams no more than 6

Tradecraft Stall and Raffle

in support of Purbeck Fairtrade Group

For tickets see Brian

Leaflet with full details available in the vestibule

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Reg and Pat Noyce on the birth of their great-grandson Eliot born 3rd January 2019.
Best wishes to all the family.

Preachers' List for February

3rd Dr John Foster ~ *Communion*
10th Janet Jennings
17th Richard Baker
24th Brian Wilkins



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

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.

Reaching for the Light

We are one month into the new year and things probably don't feel that different. It's easy at this time of year to fall into a bit of a depression and World events do not help. Even Jesus felt doubt about His role and was tempted to take the easy way out.



However, this time of year sees the beginning of new life in nature. Daffodils are struggling up, snowdrops have already heralded Spring and the trees are budding. This relentless surge of life reminds me of my Christian faith. Sometimes it appears to have almost disappeared but it's just under the surface struggling to get through.

I am reminded of Holman Hunt's famous painting 'The Light of the World', where Jesus holding a lantern, signifying spiritual light, stands outside a door, which is covered in vegetation. The door has obviously not been opened for some time and significantly the door has no outside handle. This implies that it can only be opened from the inside. Jesus may be patiently waiting outside but only the individual Christian, like you and me, can let Him into our heart.

Sometimes it's a struggle, as it is a struggle for plants to push through the hard, cold earth but when they do push through and open, they bring a wonderful beauty to the World. We are like those plants struggling towards the light, so that our promise as Children of God can be fulfilled. I hope we can all shine with the light of God's love in 2019.

Every blessing ~ *Janet*



Christian Aid Advent Lunches

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Christian Aid Advent lunches in any way. Total raised for Christian Aid was £391.

Let The New Year With Jesus Bring Our Hearts A Firm Hope

*Friends the New Year will very shortly be here,
A time that brings hope and is thought of as dear,
Families gather together, expecting great things,
The old year behind them, the new one coming on wings.*

*Sadly some think the New Year is all a bit boring,
When they see this excitement, they just feel like snoring,
Why do you look forward, with this hope in your hearts?
For often in life all we've had is false starts.*

*The New Year is more than just false starts you know,
What I share with you now, might cause faith to grow,
For when Jesus came, He gave the whole world a hope,
Release to a new life, not held back with rope.*

*When you think of the babe, who was laid in a manger,
This a sign of God's love, as your friend not a stranger,
Jesus wants you to know Him, if you call on His name,
Lives then change for the better; old ways won't remain.*

*You see everyone born in this world has a need,
We all need to be loved and accepted indeed,
But the love of this world, is no love at all,
When compared to God's love which is poured out for all.*

*So hold back no longer, just receive His love,
Our New Year will be better, with blessings from above,
Our lives have a purpose, to serve the King of Kings,
A life with God will be richer, than old worldly things.*

*Written by Derek Harris and read at
the Café Service at Swanage on 30th December 2018*

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 2.00 - 4.00 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 (most Thursdays) 10.30 – 11.45 am

Discussion Group alternate Thursdays 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 10.30am 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 ~ February

Thursday 7th February

Wareham URC Annual General Meeting

12 noon - Small Hall ~ All welcome. Bring your lunch

Lunch Club

Tuesdays 5th and 19th February

Please see Liz if you want to join or ring 01929 459440

Wednesday 20th February

Synod SW Area Gathering

If you want to go, please contact Brian

Thursday 21st February

Elders' Meeting 11 am

Thursday 21st February

Discussion Group ~ 12 noon - 1 pm Small Hall
Everyone welcome. Discussion led by group members.

March

Wednesday 1st March

World Day of Prayer

10.30 am Wareham Methodist Church
Service written by women of Slovenia ~ All welcome

Tuesday 2nd March

Purbeck Fair Trade District ~ Quiz at Corfe Castle Village Hall
7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from Brian

Saturday 30th March

Induction of Reverend Martyn Needs to the Pastorate of
Swanage, Wareham and Skinner Street, Poole
United Reformed Churches to be held at Skinner Street URC
More details available nearer the date.