



OUTLOOK

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In Ministerial Vacancy

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 November

Date	Elder	2 nd Reader	Vestibule	Flowers
4 th	Brian Communion Marion/David	Pat	Pat/Reg	Judith
11 th	Janet	Liz	Felicity/Liz	Sheila
18 th	Marion	Felicity	David/Liz	Shirley
25 th	Joint Meeting - Preach with a View at Swanage			
2 nd Dec	David Communion Janet/Shirley	Tom	Brian/Judith	Felicity

Thursday Coffee Rota for November

1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th	6 th Dec
Marion/ Sybil	Pat/Reg	Liz	Janet/ Judith	Brian	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

Pastoral Letter ~ November 2018

I have been asked to write the November letter, rather a challenge for me but which has given me pause for thought.



We have been enjoying so many God-given glorious autumn days this year including much needed rain too. Now the colours are quickly changing, and by the time you read this, the clocks will have been turned back and we move into the short days of November.

This brings us to the time in November when the country will be commemorating the centenary of Armistice day, the ending of the First World War. We pause, reflect and remember the suffering and loss of so many lives from all walks of life both in our country and worldwide.

It is right and proper to honour those lost, we cannot and should not forget them, and this is a time to remember not only that they fought, but what they fought for. Remembrance, however, is not just about the past, but about the present too.

In a world which feels increasingly divided, peace can never be taken for granted. We think of all those victims of war, injustice, terror and violence, and pray for hope for the future, trust between peoples and nations, and freedom from suffering for the world's oppressed and marginalised people.

Let God's spirit of peace be at work in everyone, overcoming prejudice and borders that humankind are setting up against each other. May we all carry the light of peace.

'One hundred years after the First World War, Looking back, Looking forward' are two resource booklets written by URC in partnership with Protestant Churches in the Palatinate Region of Germany that can be read online or to buy £1.75 which encompass a potted history, meditations, reflections, poems and stories for this time of Remembrance.

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An excerpt from one of the prayers :

Lover-of-justice-and-peace, shape our consciences and hearts according to your way of just, peaceful and loving lives. Move us beyond fear to speak with compassionate courage and to act with both conviction and humility. Give us ears, eyes, hearts and voices to discern, respond and embody hope through our actions, in private and in public. Bless us with wholeness, and through your Spirit continue to sustain us in the face of powerful forces bent on denying life.

The Revd Dr Michael Jagessar – URC Secretary for Global and Intercultural Ministries

Donalda Plowman, Member of Swanage URC

Mission Lunch

Our annual Mission Lunch, which is in aid of The Falconer Children's Home in Kabulamema, Zambia, was held on 30th September. We have been supporting this charity for many years. The home itself was started by English nurse Miss Falconer, and The Falconer Trust formed in 1980 by Henry and Irene Webb to support Miss Falconer and the Children's Home she had founded.



After a Bring and Share lunch, at which we were joined by some of our friends from Swanage URC, we watched a video showing day to day life at the orphanage. Donations to the Home totalled £140. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the occasion in any way.

Janet

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.

Saturday November 24th and Sunday 25th
An important weekend for everyone at Wareham URC

On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November everyone is invited to meet the prospective minister for the new pastorate of Wareham, Swanage and Skinner Street, Poole United Reformed Churches. At the last meeting on Sunday there will be a vote, but only Church Members are eligible to vote. However, all are invited to the weekend's events. Non members' opinions can be taken into consideration.

The proposed timetable is as follows but times may be flexible:

Saturday 24th November:

In the morning, Prospective Minister at Skinner Street.

In the afternoon at Wareham URC

2.30 - 4 pm ~ Afternoon tea and a chance to talk to the Minister

4 pm - 5pm Bible Study led by the Minister.

Sunday 25th November

10.30am Sunday Worship at Swanage URC led by the Minister.

This is a joint service for Swanage, Wareham and Skinner Street. It is a chance to see how the prospective minister leads worship and to join with the rest of the pastorate.

12 noon ~ Lunch for everyone provided by Swanage URC

1 - 2 pm Question and Answer session with the Minister for everyone.
Minister leaves.

2 - 3.30 pm Discussion and secret ballot.

Only Church Members can vote and only if they are present at the ballot.

If there are any questions about the above, the vacancy committee of Janet, Marion and Brian will be pleased to answer them.

Preachers' List for

November

4th Dr John Foster (Communion)
11th Mary Chipping (Remembrance Sunday)
18th Colin Brady
25th Joint Service at Swanage URC. See full programme above.



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

Winter Blues and Good News



It's here again - that time of year which I dread, with its short, dark, cold days and the threat of bad weather. We can celebrate autumn with Keats as the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' but, now we are into the winter properly, I can only think of the earth 'hard as iron', as in Christina Rossetti's words. The winter seems to stretch ahead with only Christmas to look forward to.

The TV news is so depressing that my husband has almost stopped listening to it. We have the difficulties of Brexit, terrorism, ultra right wing politics overseas, food banks, pollution, global warming, natural disasters and wars killing thousands and so on.

This is a time then when I have to count my blessings and thank God for my family, friends, our church community, this beautiful area where I live and for life itself, the everyday miracle we often take for granted. Each day then is a precious gift which we can use as we will.

As Christians, of course, we do have something special to lift our spirits. God so loved us that he sent his son Jesus to live in the world, experiencing joy and sorrow as we do. Christ died but rose again, giving not only the promise that he is always with us, but that we may join him in God's Kingdom. Jesus said 'This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent' (John 17:3). We are invited to join in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth today. That's good news!

Every blessing Janet



**May those who love us, love us,
And those who don't love us,
May God turn their hearts,
May He turn their ankles,
So we will know them by their limping.**

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 ~ November

Saturday 3rd November

(Postponed from September)

Church Open Afternoon 2 - 4pm

Everyone is needed to help on this special afternoon.

We will be showcasing our church activities plus those of the groups who use our halls.

There will be refreshments, a children's activity table, a short service and much more.

Please come if you possibly can

Tuesdays 13th and 27th

Lunch Club ~ *Please see Liz if you want to join*

Thursdays 1st and 15th

Discussion Group ~ 12 - 1pm in the small hall
Topic to be announced. *All welcome.*

Thursday 8th November

Elders Meeting ~ 11am

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Day Service ~ 10.30am led by Mary Chipping.
All welcome

Saturday 24th

Afternoon tea and meet the prospective minister 2.30 pm
followed by Bible Study 4 pm led by the prospective minister.
All welcome.

Sunday 25th November

Joint service at Swanage with Wareham and Skinner Street URCs
10.30 am

The prospective minister will 'preach with a view'
Further details of the weekend are on page 5

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