

OUTLOOK



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WAREHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH***

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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 September

Date	Elder	2 nd Reader	Vestibule	Flowers
2 nd	Marion Communion Janet/Shirley	Liz	Felicity/Liz	Sheila
9 th	AT THE METHODIST CHURCH			Shirley
16 th	Shirley	Felicity	David/Brian	Felicity
23 rd	David	Tom	Liz/Judith	Pat
30 th	Brian	John	Marion/Liz	Judith
7 th Oct	Janet Communion Brian/Reg	Pat	Pat/Reg	Sheila

Thursday Coffee Rota for September

6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th	4 th Oct
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.

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 by the 12th of the month

Dear Friends,

It's been some time since I wrote a Pastoral Letter, so here goes.

I hope you have had a good summer with family and friends visiting. The heat was a bit too much some days but the blue skies were beautiful to see. Is it my imagination, but was the town more packed this year? I hope all who came found us a good place to be.

Some weeks ago Jasmine challenged us to smile as we went out and about. It works – I've had lots of happy smiles back and comments from locals and visitors how friendly we are here. It's an exciting time just now, with two ministers showing interest in our profile. It's a challenging choice – three churches to consider.

Keep up your prayers that we - Swanage, Wareham and Skinner Street, Poole - find a minister to lead us forward.

At Church Meeting in Swanage Paul referred to how many ministers we've had. Una and I talked and we can clock up nine. I don't remember the first one who baptised me in February 1939. No doubt there is a similar number in the Wareham church as well.

We have been richly served by ministers and members of all faiths this past year – YES it is a whole year since our dear Jilly and Simon retired. The pulpit has been filled each week. No two services the same but the message never changes: Faith, Hope and Love.

Keep each other in your prayers.

With love Jeanne – (non-serving Elder at Swanage URC)

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 visit of The Capriccioso Quartet



On 29th July Wareham United Reformed Church was delighted to welcome the Capriccioso Quartet. The four members, all in their mid teens, comprised two violins: Sally Aiko Dando and Lewis Lee, a viola: Joe Berry with Naomi Leigh on cello. They are all members of the award winning Wessex Youth Orchestra and have performed with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, in the Royal Albert Hall and Birmingham Symphony Hall.

On their visit to the church, the quartet played the Haydn Quartet known as 'Emperor', Dvorak Quartet 'American' and finished with a selection of George Gershwin songs. It was wonderful to enjoy an evening with such highly talented young people. We hope that they will pay us another visit in the future when their schedule allows. *Janet*

A PRAYER FOR OUR MINISTERIAL VACANCY AND ALL OTHER CHURCHES SEEKING A MINISTER

We remember before you the people sitting beside us now – whose names you know and whose lives you care about. People to be cared and prayed for as fellow members of this extraordinary family of God, and we ask that during this time of uncertainty and change that you help us to work together, building up the church, listening to each other's doubts and fears, working towards unity.

Empower each one of us to use the gifts you have given us to create a worshipful and welcoming place. Enable us to share our thoughts openly and honestly, but help us also to respect the opinions of others. Instill in us a vision of the life you intend us to lead and guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We turn to you to guide us in this time of transition. We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts so we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service not allowing fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit. We pray for the process and look for your leading of a new minister to this church.

Davina Freedman, Swanage URC

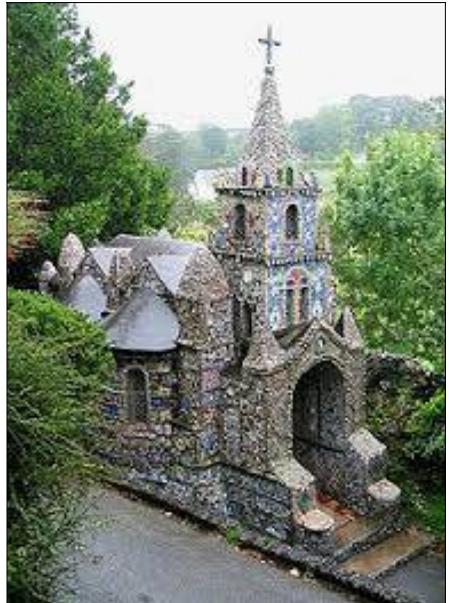
[The Little Chapel Guernsey](#)

We recently had five lovely days on Guernsey in The Channel islands, our third trip. We heard the Guernsey Welsh Male voice choir singing, tasted and learned how to make the delicious apple dessert Gache Meelle and generally relaxed in the pleasantly warm temperatures.

One place we revisited was The Little Chapel built by Brother Deodat (meaning 'given to God'). He joined an order based in Guernsey in 1913, but took only temporary vows and was employed as a sacristan in the refectory. However he had a great plan. Brother Deodat believed that 'children learn mostly through their eyes' and he was given permission to build a miniature replica of the Basilica and Grotto of Our Lady at Lourdes. He was to rebuild the chapel three times. The first version was only nine feet by four and was deemed too small, so he destroyed it. He completed a new larger chapel which remained until 1923, when the Bishop of Portsmouth visited and was unable to get through the door. Brother Deodat pulled the chapel down again and the new chapel he built holds ten people and measures 16 feet by 9 feet.

Apart from its size, the most notable thing about the chapel is the building material; it's a mosaic of pebbles and pieces of china. Recently major restoration has taken place including discreet lighting inside the chapel, which makes a visit a magical experience, as the light makes all the ceramic and other surfaces gleam.

Whatever our religious tradition, I think this is an example of great faith. After taking his final vows, Deodat was called to France in 1939 and died there, never having seen his work finished. However it has given enjoyment to many thousands of visitors over the years.



***Every blessing
Janet***

Dates for your Diary ~ September 2018

Tuesday 4th September

Vacancy Committee Meeting ~ 7pm at Wareham URC

Tuesdays 4th and 18th September

Lunch Club

Please see Liz if you want to join

Thursday 6th September

Elders Meeting 11am

Sunday 9th September

Joint service with the Methodists at Wareham Methodist Church 10.30am

led by Elizabeth Haynes

No service at Wareham URC that day

Thursday September 13th

Church Meeting 12 noon in the small hall ~ All welcome

Saturday 15th September

Harvest Festival Preparations from 10.30am

Please bring your gifts of produce, preserves and tinned food

Saturday 15th September

Church Open Afternoon 2 - 4pm

Everyone is needed on this special afternoon, so please come if you can.

The hall users and the church will be showcasing their activities.

There will be a short service, children's activities and refreshments.

Sunday 16th September

Harvest Festival Service 10.30am

Followed by sale of produce at 11.30 am and Harvest Lunch at 12 noon.

Donations to 'Not Just Sundaes'.

Thursday 20th September

Discussion Group 12 noon in the small hall

We will be looking at the Apocrypha. All welcome.

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Special Lunches

Sunday September 30th

Mission lunch 12 noon

There will be a video from The Falconer Trust

For further events, and especially of the above lunches, please look at the notice board or listen to notices in church.

News from Fairtrade

Great news – we've just heard that Twinings have become the second big UK tea brand to publish their list of suppliers from Assam – a key demand of our campaign.

This follows on from Yorkshire Tea's decision to publish their list in June. Together Twinings and Yorkshire make up nearly one-third of the UK tea market so these are significant steps forward.

We wouldn't have got to this point without you.

More than seven thousand of you have sent in 'Who picked my tea?' postcards and taken our online action targeting the big 6 UK tea brands. (This has spurred the brands into action with first Yorkshire Tea and now Twinings moving to publish their lists of Assam tea estates in full.

We now need to push the remaining four – PG Tips, Tetley, Typhoo, and Clipper – to do likewise so that British consumers and tea workers in Assam know where the big UK brands buy their tea from.

Preachers' List for September

September

2nd Dr John Foster (Communion)

9th Elizabeth Haynes Joint Service at Wareham Methodist Church

16th Robert Pearce, Harvest Festival Service

23rd Dr John Foster

30th Peter Pay, (*Joint Service with Swanage at Wareham*)

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

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.