

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 the way we lead our lives



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Elders and Stewards Rota for July

Date	Elder	2 nd Reader	Vestibule	Flowers
1 st	David Communion Brian/Reg	Tom	Liz/Judith	Felicity
8 th	Brian	John	Marion/Liz	Pat
15 th	Janet	Pat	Pat/reg	Judith
22 nd	Marion	Liz	Felicity/Liz	Sheila
29 th	Joint Service at Wareham with Swanage			

Thursday Coffee Rota for July

5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	2 nd Aug
Marion/ Sybil	Pat/Reg	Brian	Janet/ Judith	Marion/ Sybil

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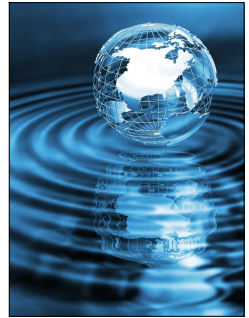
Thank you to everyone who helps. Please change with someone else if you are not available.

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

Pastoral Letter - July/August 2018

Dear Friends,

I have recently been watching the BBC Young Musician Competition for 2018. Each musician is so good at producing a wonderful sound, whether it is with a cello, piano, trumpet, clarinet, or any other instrument. In each category it is difficult to determine a winner, and when it gets to the final it is even more difficult to compare instruments which are so very different.



This makes me think of our church and its members and friends. We are all very different with various talents and abilities which are all essential. We don't need to find a winner because when we work together and combine these talents it's remarkable what we are able to achieve.

Romans 12 v 4 - 6 says 'We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.'

This is like all the instruments mentioned above. When they play together as an orchestra it makes a truly wonderful sound. We must also try to make a wonderful sound which will encourage others to join us in worship and at other events.

It also reminds me of the poem 'Throwing a Stone in a Calm Lake' written by a Korean woman in the book 'Dare to Dream'. The following is an extract from the poem:

'The stone brings awakening, the wave is a movement, and the movement spreads when all of us standing together on all sides around the lake keep throwing our little stones. The wave will never cease.'

With every blessing

Ann Farrer, Elder Swanage URC

Elders and Stewards Rota for August

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

Thursday Coffee Rota for August

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

Preachers' List for July and August

July

1st Dr John Foster
 8th Elizabeth Haynes
 15th Richard Baker
 22nd Brenda McCarron
 29th Joint service with Swanage in Wareham, preacher TBA

August

5th Janet Jennings
 12th Mary Chipping
 19th David Vincent
 26th Margaret Leivesley

Please remember all these Preachers 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.

The God who sustains



Just recently I have had some health problems which interfere with my various roles in our church. I became frustrated by not being able to carry out my normal duties without difficulty. In fact I got a bit angry with God, asking Him why I had these health problems at the moment? Having read the Psalms, I knew that the writers were often asking God why this or that bad thing had happened to them.

The problems have not gone away but I am being sustained through them. I remembered the text which I have in my study from Psalm 27: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation, so why should I be afraid?' Maybe you have a favourite text which helps you?

As we read in our York course discussion group recently, just because we are Christians and have the hope of Christ in us, does not mean that life will be all 'champagne and strawberries' (although some of that I hope!). Life is a journey and we can walk it with God or without God as we choose. Like any journey sometimes things go smoothly, other times it is like the equivalent of the car breaking down or even being in an accident. We all crave security but know deep inside that there is no real security in this world. We cannot turn back the clock to become healthier or younger or to take away the mistakes we have made.

However, all through this, God loves us and will sustain us, if we ask Him. My other favourite text is from Paul in Romans 8 :nothing 'will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus'.

Every blessing
Janet

Prayer Link Reminder

Just a reminder that we are praying for the future of Wareham URC in our prayer link, for a few moments, wherever you are, between 9 - 9.30am each day. Please join in when you can.



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 10.30 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 ~ July

Wednesday 4th July

Wednesday Circle Meeting is a Cream Tea at
Brian and Liz's in Morden from 3 pm.
Please see an Elder if you need a lift.

Elders Meeting

Thursday 12th July ~ 11 am

Lunch Club

Tuesdays 10th and 24th July
Please see Liz if you would like to join

Thursday Discussion Group

5th and 19th July at 12 noon in the small hall
All welcome

Swanage URC invites Wareham URC

to a 'Sunshine' Social evening on Saturday 14th July
6 pm until about 8.15 pm
Please see an Elder or Liz if going, for catering

Youth Quartet Wareham URC

Saturday 26th July at 7 pm
Part of Purbeck Arts Week

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



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Dates for your Diary ~ August

Please note: The Diary for July is on page 7

Lunch Club

Tuesdays 7th and 21st August

Elders Meeting

Thursday 9th August ~ 11 am

Thursday Discussion Group

No meetings in August

Special Dates in September

Saturday 15th September 'Church Open Day'

Details later

Sunday 16th September Harvest Worship

to be followed by Lunch

Sunday 30th September

Mission Lunch and Video

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Christian Aid Appeal



Christian Aid in Wareham this year raised £3, 920 from Lent Lunches and Christian Aid Week. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.