

The **Methodist** Church 
WEYBAY NEWS

A monthly what's on

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“Unfolding Light”

In the beginning
God said “Let there be Light”
and the Light entered the darkness
and changed it forever.
The darkness is still dark, but full of light;
and the darkness cannot limit the Light.

And now
God has said “Let there be Life”
and the Life has entered death
and changed it forever.
Death is still death, but full of life
and death cannot limit Life.

Christ has died and entered into our death
and changed it forever.
Christ is risen, risen into us,
and we are changed forever -
“The Body of Christ”
We are still ourselves but full of Christ
and self cannot limit the Christ in us.

“CHRIST IS RISEN”
We are Risen indeed!

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Dear Friends,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

These are words of celebration and proclamation that are often shared during the great festival of Easter, a festival which lasts for fifty days. We celebrate and praise God for what Jesus has done for us; that Jesus has overcome the power of sin and death through his resurrection and made a way for us to have life with God always.

The celebration of Easter comes at the end of the six weeks of preparation during Lent, and follows the harrowing remembering of the events of Holy Week and Good Friday. In many ways it feels like the period of Lent has been much longer because we have had to endure for so long the denial of those things and people who bring us joy, and with whom we are deeply connected.

I am hopeful that the horizon is looking ever brighter as the Covid 19 restrictions are gradually eased and we can begin to return to physical community living. I give thanks for all the opportunities that technology has given us to virtually 'be together' but it is not the same and I, like many others, look forward to being able to physically be with my family, friends and church family. Since we were last able to gather, the world has changed and perhaps we all wonder how much of that change will impact us personally?

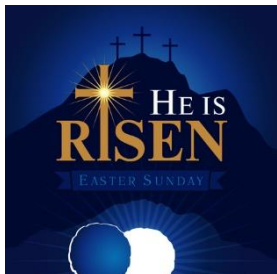
In the early days after Jesus' resurrection, the first disciples were afraid and confused. The disciples on the Emmaus road did not recognise Jesus as he talked and walked with them. It was only when Jesus broke bread with them that their eyes were opened. And when the disciples met with Jesus on the beach early one morning, they knew it was Jesus who sat and ate with them but things were different, life had changed.

It took time for the first disciples to gradually learn that even though Jesus had risen from the dead, life wasn't going to go back to how it was before...the perspective had changed; going forward, things would be different. New life for all had been made possible.

In Mark's gospel account of the resurrection, the angel at the empty tomb gave the message that Jesus had gone on ahead, into a place of life, the disciples' home region Galilee, and they were to follow and find him there.

Whatever the future holds for us at Wey Bay, we can be sure that the risen Christ does indeed go ahead of us into the areas where we live, preparing the way for his disciples to follow in. Let us embrace and share in the new

resurrection life that Jesus offers to all and as we love and serve our communities, may we too meet with our risen Lord.



Happy Easter! Yours in Christ.

Ruth

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

2020 Round-up! With your help: 28 people went debt free! We gifted: 25 Christmas hampers to Weymouth. 6 Hampers to Portland 72 Friendly food bags.

Local information email - claireatkin@capuk.org

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2021

For the second year Christian Aid week fundraising will be taking place on a virtual platform. Please look at the Christian Aid website for details and resources for this week.

I shall be running a virtual quiz on Friday, 7th May at 7pm. Time to dust off those thinking caps and get your teams together to join in. You can take part on your own, in household groups or with friends on the phone. Please let me know if you want to join in and I will send you the Zoom link closer to the time.

A small group from Weybay have also decided to join in the Walk 300,000 steps in May for Christian Aid. We will all record our steps throughout the month on our fitness watches (top purchase during lockdown I think!) We will be sending our daily totals to our chief step counter (Jean Capp), she will keep our individual and group totals for the whole month.

I will be arranging a Big Breakfast coffee morning later in the summer when lockdown is over!

Donations for the quiz or sponsorship for the 300,000 steps challenge can be made through the Weybay Just Giving page at:

justgiving.com/fundraising/jchevisweybay.

If you cannot access this online donation page then just wait until the church is open again (possibly in May) when you can give cash.

Jackie Chevis

Offerings for the work at Weymouth Bay

Thank you to everyone who has transferred to a standing order for their offering or who are squirreling their envelopes away ready for when we can return to the church, or who are posting cheques through the letterbox. It has really helped to know that you are all keeping the church at the forefronts of your minds, and that I have money to pay the bills that don't stop just because we are closed.

I have now taken over the envelope administration from Gerald Taylor, who we thank for his service. The envelopes will be ready and waiting for you when we re-open. If you would like to change to the standing order method of giving, that would be welcome as it reduces work for the counters on a Sunday morning. Get in touch at weybaymc@yahoo.com if you would like our bank details.

Many thanks again,
Jacqui Trent, Church treasurer.

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