

The **Methodist** Church 
WEYBAY NEWS

A monthly what's on

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Best of all is God is with us
God will hold and never fail.
Keep that truth when storms are raging,
God remains though faith is frail.

Best of all is God is with us,
Hearts are challenged, strangely warmed,
Faith is deepened, courage strengthened,
Grace received and hope reformed.

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Dear Friends

On the day of writing this message, the Prime Minister announced a delay to the ending of all Covid restrictions for another four weeks. Responses to such news will be varied according to our personal situation.

I'm also sure that, regardless of our own situation, our hearts go out to all who are in very difficult circumstances; our prayers are for them and we do whatever is within our power to support others who are struggling.....continued support through phone calls, an extra donation to charity if we have any surplus funds saved, supporting the foodbank, and other activities I haven't even thought of.

As people who follow Jesus, we are called to be the best disciples we can be through the enabling and prompting of the Holy Spirit. I believe God desires us to fulfil all our God-given potential. This might feel rather scary at times because, so far in my experience, God's call is often to something we think we're not up to. We can push this sense of call into the 'long grass', hoping it will go away but it doesn't! I believe that God's purposes are for God's kingdom to grow; through the Holy Spirit working in peoples' lives, people like you and me.

To help us to live as Jesus' disciples, The Methodist Church has prepared 'A Methodist Way of Life' and copies are available at Wey Bay Church. It is based on 'Our Calling', which Conference agreed, in 2000, was the Methodist calling.

'A Methodist Way of Life' is not new but articulates what Methodists have done since John Wesley's time. Indeed, it is a way to live which applies to all Christians.

It begins, *'The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.'*

This response comes under four aspects of discipleship: worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. 'A Methodist way of Life' expands and explores these four areas, setting out what

Christian discipleship calls us to. The intention is that using it, people will have a sense of being part of something bigger and be supported on their journey of faith. People will find some aspects of 'A Methodist Way of Life' which they are comfortable with and others which are more challenging. Following it together will encourage us to take up some of those difficult tasks.

I invite you to pick up your copy of 'A Methodist way of Life' when you are next in church and if you would like to be part of a group which explores it together, please do get in touch.

Blessings
Ruth

Christian Aid Week 2021



The WeyBay walkers have completed their challenge and what a wonderful result! A final total of 2,239,300 steps walked during May and an average of more than 319,000 each. This amounts to approximately 150 miles each and over 1000miles in total. Wow! This is well above what we expected to achieve

and a great amount of money collected for Christian Aid. Including the money given for the Quiz in early May, the sum raised for Christian Aid is £2,087.50. This includes the sum of £225 which was gained as gift aid through using justgiving. We received contributions from both Lanehouse and Chickerell churches and had a team from Bridport join in the quiz. Thanks to everyone from WeyBay and the Circuit, as well as friends and family from far and wide, who helped to achieve this. We still have the Big Brekkie to come when covid regulations allow.

The Foodbank at Westham is reaching more and more people. Thanks to everyone for tremendous generosity and continued support. At the moment they are providing support to around 60 customers. The Warehouse hub on the Granby is now fully operational which makes storage easier

They are very grateful for the donations of laundry products and toiletries at the Foodbank. They are always needed. Also, at the moment they are seeing quite a few people who only have a kettle to "cook" with, so donations of instant noodles and cup-a-soups are helpful. Please remember the Foodbank when you go shopping. They ask for your continued prayers.

A message regarding a mission opportunity in Weymouth

We are hoping to resume our hot food and drink offering on Westham bridge in Weymouth every 4th Saturday of the month starting back in July. We provide soup, a hot main course, cakes, fruit & hot drink at 7.30pm. We need cooks, as well as servers and helpers on the Saturday evenings.

If you would like to find out more about how you can be involved in this project which forms part of our Circuit mission then please email tracyinweymouth@gmail.com . **Please note that this is a new email address so, if you have already replied, do please contact Tracy again to let her know you are interested.** We only have to go out once a month and it would be good to have some new people on board.

The Cycling Without Age Trishaw rides are in operation again providing free rides to those with limited mobility. Phone 07555 416 399 for more information