

The **Methodist** Church
WEYBAY NEWS

A monthly what's on

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Praise God for the Harvest of orchard and field.

Praise God for the people who gather their yield

The long hours of labour, the skills of the team

The patience of science, the power of machine.

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Dear Friends

Greetings at the beginning of a new Methodist year!

It's hard to believe that I have been in the Dorset South & West Circuit for a whole year now! I've been looking back as one often does at significant moments, on what has happened during that time.

In my first newsletter message, I included some thoughts about singing, which this time last year, we weren't allowed to do together. What a joy it has been, even with a mask on, to sing hymns and songs out loud over the past few weeks.

Seeing family and friends was also restricted and many had to rely solely on technology to keep in touch with those far away. I know that despite the advance of the vaccine programme, there are still some who are not yet able to travel to Europe or beyond, to see their nearest and dearest in person and my heart goes out to them. Thankfully, there are also many of us who have managed to make a trip to see loved ones who live far away; we spent a hectic couple of days in August with our children, Sarah, Rachel and Matthew and their families. Organising the five grandchildren, aged from 7years down to 20months, from 6.30am and for breakfast both mornings was both a joyous delight and exhausting!!

By anyone's reckoning, the past 12 months have been unlike any other in our collective memory but thanks primarily to the vaccination programme, life is beginning to look and feel more like a pattern and rhythm we can recognise. It's not the same as pre-pandemic but a 'new normal' is gradually taking shape. As this new Methodist year begins, and we grow in confidence to be together again, and sense God's directing, some activities at Wey Bay are re-starting, others will maybe come to a permanent close and new activities, I hope, will begin; all of this enabling established relationships to flourish and new ones to take root and grow.

On Sunday 26th September 10.30am, Wey Bay Methodist Church will be celebrating harvest time and we will be focussing, through the resources prepared by All We Can, on the next steps which need to be taken by people in Zimbabwe and by those who support them through All We Can, as we journey together as partners, combatting the effects of climate change and shaping a sustainable lifestyle for us all. Join us to discover more about the work of All We Can and what a difference it is making to the people of Zimbabwe.

Every blessing

Ruth

Arts and Crafts. As this goes to press Arts and Crafts event is well on the way. This proves a great source of outreach as so many people are involved as well as money for the Dig A Well project in Kenya. Many thanks to givers of donations and the many people who have given their time and physical labours to make this happen. Watch this space to see more.

As covid restrictions ease a number of activities are able to re start and thoughts turn to our future church.

Wednesday Coffee mornings have already begun and is going well as we meet friends and exchange jigsaws and books.

Cameo. Cameo Ladies group will be re starting in September but have agreed to change our time and meet on an afternoon. Our format will remain the same with a speaker and cuppa to finish. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday Sept 8th at 2 30pm when we aim to start well with a cream tea. On Sept 22nd Gill Borg will talk to us about Methodism in a multicultural society.

Grace Notes Many will look forward to this starting again soon

Harvest. We will celebrate Harvest on the Sunday 26th Sept. Following the morning service we invite all to partake of a Sunday Roast together.

Concert Last Night of the Proms with Weymouth Concert Brass Sat 9th Oct at 7.30pm tickets from Pete in advance £9 or on door £10 thanks.

Mission and Outreach This small group meet about every 2 months and looks at how we reach out to our community and how we can prepare the church to act on climate change. We have been exploring ways to make the church and our activities more "eco friendly". If you would like to join us for the next meeting, then come along on 21st October at 10am. We are meeting in church. So far, our actions have included putting recycling bins throughout the church, endeavouring to purchase as many Fair-Trade products as possible to be used in the church catering, starting a collection point for used blister packs and taking part in a Weymouth Beach Litter Pick. Please bring your ideas to our next meeting.

Safeguarding Team

Your Joint Safeguarding Officers are Gilll Borg and Jackie Chevis. We will be contacting all church members who lead church groups and/or sit on the Church Council to ensure that UpToDate Safeguarding Training and DBS checks are completed. As soon as we have the dates for future safeguarding training we will be in touch with you.

We send our congratulations to Win White from our Lanehouse Church who celebrated her 100 th birthday in August – in style we hear. Well done Win.