

The **Methodist** Church  
**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what's on

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All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.

Matthias Claudius (1782)

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Dear Friends

Sitting on the patio in the late September sunshine is surely a pleasure and delight, although I'm told that is going to disappear by the end of the week and Autumn will be heralded by rain. So I'm making the most of the sun and warmth whilst it is here but alongside my enjoyment there are some nagging questions which vie for attention:

'Is this Autumn heat and sunshine the effect of climate change here and now?'

'What will the seasons be like in ten years' time?'

'What will the harvest of the future be like?'

'How will all these things affect the people I know and across the globe?'

'What can we do to play our part in combatting climate change, the greatest challenge facing humanity?'

The collection of your empty blister packs of tablets continues to be a small action that folks at Wey Bay have been engaged in. It may not feel like much but as the well-known saying goes, 'Every little helps!' Having started that small contribution, there's something else that you could possibly do.

This year, the world's biggest climate change summit is being held in Glasgow on 1-12 November. At the United Nations Climate Summit, COP26, world leaders will gather to set targets to tackle the climate crisis.

Churches across the UK have the chance to use this as an opportunity, to jump deeper into prayer and action for creation. We also have the chance to raise our voices and call for ambitious action from our leaders to bring about climate justice. Watch our film: [Why is COP26 important? - YouTube](#)

The Methodist Church has produced a postcard for people to use to send a message to the Prime Minister, to urge him to use everything at his disposal to gain robust global agreements on actions to reduce CO2. You may never have engaged in this kind of campaign before, but it is something you can do to show how serious an issue combatting climate change is and exert pressure on those in

authority to make bold decisions to act now. Postcards are available in the church.

It is through the combined actions of nations, communities and individuals working with a common purpose that humanity has any hope of success in this climate crisis.

Every blessing

Ruth

**Arts and Crafts** - A BIG thank you to the many helpers and supporters, Arts and Crafts Week was a huge success - £1200 being raised for our Church and £600 for the dig a well fund. Thank you ALL. Pete

**Cameo** started again in September and have already had 2 successful meetings. Meetings have moved to Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm but the format will remain the same with a speaker and cuppa to finish. Meetings in October are:

6<sup>th</sup> October CAP (Christians Against  
Poverty)

20<sup>th</sup> October Vine Trust with David Heap

**Grace Notes** started again on 15 September at 10.30am. New members are always welcome to join in on Wednesdays.

## **Concert**

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

**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.

## **The Nest**

The Nest is being given the wonderful opportunity of opening a café at The Waverley, Abbotsbury Road in the heart of Westham. We are

looking for volunteers who would relish the chance to use their gifts of cooking, baking, serving, chatting or helping in any way to make this a successful venture. If you think you could help and contribute, then please contact Neil Hardisty at [neilhardisty@hotmail.com](mailto:neilhardisty@hotmail.com) or on phone number 07816 962836 for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

## **Christian Aid Big Breakfast**

Postponed from May we are now able to enjoy the Big Breakfast on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 to 12 noon. Please come along, with friends as well, and enjoy a bacon roll, cakes and refreshments. No need to book, just come along.

## **Tearfund Quiz – advance notice**

The next quiz night will be held on zoom to make it easier for teams entering from around the circuit to take part. It will be held at 6pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Put a note in your diary and there will be more details in the November newsletter.

Jackie

## **Westham Update**

On Saturday morning 25 September a cross circuit group gathered at Westham to continue work on the garden and lay some wood chippings. We still have more gardening to do – digging over some of the flower beds and weeding the paths but a lot of progress has been made. There is a quantity of “rubbish” that needs to be taken to the tip – old pots, broken wooden edging, old wooden boxes – if you have a suitable vehicle and would like to help then just let Jacqui Trent or Jackie Chevis know.

## **Harvest Sunday**

Our Harvest service took place on 26 September and the church was wonderfully decorated with fruits and vegetables, seasonal flower arrangements and a sheaf of wheat made from bread. After the service we enjoyed a Sunday roast dinner and pudding, many thanks to the catering team. Donations collected for All We Can totalled £250.