

**WEYBAY NEWS**

**A monthly what’s on

 **March 2025**

 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my own dear son. I am pleased with you.” At once the Spirit made him go into the desert, where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan.

Mark 1 11-12

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Dear Friends

Last month I wrote about the coming of ‘The Hiding Place’ to Wey Bay Methodist Church. Well, it is less than a week since Oddments Theatre came to our church and gave their performance; I hope that those who were able to see it, were touched by the moments of humour but more so by the testimony to the power of God, expressed in faith and love, in the presence of the horror and brutality that Corrie Ten Boom and her family experienced at the hands of the Nazis.

For me, it was a really moving evening and has made me think about how I might react to such circumstances; would I have the strength and conviction to look upon such suffering as Corrie and her sister Betsie endured, with the same assurance that, always and everywhere, God is at work, is in control and deserves our praise. It is, I think, something we all wrestle with but we would do well to follow the example of the Ten Boom sisters. As Lent approaches, perhaps forgiveness in the context of suffering, is something that we can all think about and ask God to help us with.

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The Church Council met on 11th February and one of the decisions made was to re-visit the vision and future mission at Wey Bay Methodist Church and to articulate how we continue to join with God’s mission where we are. To take this forward, Church Council will be meeting again on Tuesday 1st April 7pm, to explore ‘Our Church’s Future Story’. The thoughts and plans which result, will form the basis of the General Church Meeting. This meeting will be integral to the service at Wey Bay on 25th May 2025. Please do come and be part of ‘Our Church’s Future Story’.

Every blessing

Ruth

**PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY for the coming weeks**:

2nd March Rev Ruth Lownsbrough HC

9th March Roger Phillips

16th March Rev Ruth Lownsbrough CA

23rd March Chris Warren

30th March Neil Riches

**CHURCH NEWS**

On 5th March Rev Ruth Lownsbrough will lead a short act of worship during the coffee morning on Ash Wednesday.

Gift Day will be held at Weybay on Saturday, 15th March to mark the church anniversary weekend. From 10am – 2pm there will be craft activities plus bacon rolls and refreshments and collection of any monetary gifts. Donations of cakes would be very welcome.

The Church Anniversary service will be held on Sunday, 16th March.

**CONCERTS**

8th March Bridport Big Band

£12 on the door or £10 in advance from Pete 01305 812637

 REGULAR EVENTS

**Coffee morning** – every Wednesday, coffee and cake served from 10.00 until noon. We also have books and jigsaw puzzles that may be borrowed.

**Prayer group -** A short time of prayer in the chapel every Wednesday beforethe coffee morning. This is a time for you to bring your own anxieties before the Lord and also to pray for the life of our church here at WeyBay and how we can go forward with God.

**Grace Notes** singing groupmeets every Wednesday at 10.30am New members welcome. Come and sing and have some fun*.*

**Cameo *-*** our regular fortnightly meeting for ladies

5th March First, next and most recent – a quiz afternoon with Gill

19th March Rev Ruth Lownsbrough will be giving a talk. Rev Ruth is retiring in August and this will be her last visit to Cameo

**Miscellany,** themusic group meets in the church every Wednesday from 5-6 pm. This is for anyone who plays a musical instrument, however brilliant or rusty you may be. You would be very welcome. If you are interested speak to Rosemary or Ailsa for further information

**Bible Study -** This is a very informal group with plenty of opportunity for discussion and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. The study for Lent will start on Thursday, 6th March, 2pm-3pm.

**Dementia Cafe:**

On Friday 7th March we have our drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers. An afternoon of fun with activities, music and of course cake.

More details from Esme on 01305 812637

**Board games afternoon**. These will continue on the 4th Saturday of the month. This month 22nd March 3 00pm -5.00pm,

£2 for light refreshments included. Everyone invited to join in – why not ask your friends?

Future dates are 26th April, 24th May, 28th June and 26th July.

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session will be on Saturday 22nd March from 9am to noon. Please feel free to come and join in – there will be refreshments.

**Donations to Ukraine Appeal**

Heather would like to thank everyone for their generous donations over the past weeks. The donations will now be collected for the next delivery to Ukraine. Heather will continue to collect donations and is particularly looking for walking aids and over the counter meds.