

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

 **May 2025**

Keep busy always in your work for the Lord, since you know that nothing you do in the Lord’s service is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15 v58

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Dear Friends

It was the day after our Easter Celebrations this year, that the news broke of the death of Pope Francis, the head of the Roman Catholic Church. Many tributes have been paid to this humble man who strove to follow in the path of Jesus his whole life, using his position to highlight the cause and worth of the poor, and to turn people’s hearts towards Jesus.

In the Lectio 365 devotions (from the Lectio 365 app) today, the day after the Pope’s death, the reflection focussed on some words from the conclusion of the Pope’s Easter address. He assured his listeners that ‘the Lord now lives forever,’ and ‘fills us with certainty that we are called to share in the life that knows no end’, and finally, ‘Let us entrust ourselves to him, for he alone can make all things new’. Revelation 21:5

I pray that Easter does not pass without leaving us changed. When we truly enter into the story of Jesus’ suffering and death on Good Friday, when we wait through the silence of Holy Saturday and then celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, we cannot help but be changed by resurrection life.

Jesus himself said, ‘See, I am making all things new’; not ‘I have made’, or I will make’ but ‘I am making’. We are all works in progress, and if we allow it, shaped by God’s Holy Spirit, gradually moulding us into the people he created us to be, constantly bringing us to new life in Jesus.

What new thing might Jesus want to bring to life in you? I’d be happy to chat with you about it.

May the blessings of the Easter season be yours

Ruth

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

4th May Tim Wells

11th May 10.30am Jacqui Trent LA

 6.30pm Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

18th May Pam Woodland HC

25th May Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

**CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS IN MAY**

The **Christian Aid Big Breakfast** is being held on Wednesday, 21st May from 10am – noon. Bacon rolls, cakes and refreshments available. Come along and bring some friends with you.

The **Christian Aid Quiz** will be held on Friday, 23rd May starting at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 welcome or come along and join a team on the night. £6.50pp to include a ploughman’s supper. Please sign up using the poster at the back of church or text Jackie on 07772595576 to secure a place (text not phone as I will be away from 3rd to 17th May). This is always a “quizzing for fun” evening – the more people who take part, the more fun it is!

**CONCERTS**

The current series of concerts has now finished but will start again on Saturday 27th September with Last Night of the Proms with Weymouth Concert Brass.

 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 always welcome. Come and sing and have some fun*.*

**Cameo *-*** our regular fortnightly meeting for women 2pm-3.15pm

**14th May** Alan Chambers with an update from Tumbledown Farm

**28th May** Rev Ruth Lownsbrough will join us for her last Cameo talk before she retires

Meetings over the summer will be for Tea and Natter and are

open to all - 11th June, 9th July and 6th August.

**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.

**Dementia Cafe:**

The next drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers is on Friday 2nd May; 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 24th May 3.00pm - 5.00pm,

£2 including light refreshments. Everyone invited to join in – why not ask your friends? If you can bring the correct change this would be greatly appreciated. Future dates are 28th June and 26th July.

**DEC Myanmar Appeal**

Thanks to your generosity in giving to the recent retiring collection the church has now been able to donate a total of £635 - £500 from church emergency funds and £135 from the collection.

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session will be on Saturday 31st May from 9am to noon. If you would like to help maintain our grounds, please feel free to come and join in – there will of course be refreshments on offer.

**Donations to Ukraine Appeal**

Heather would like to thank everyone for their generous donations over the past weeks. Further deliveries to Ukraine are planned and Heather will continue to collect donations. Walking aids and over the counter meds are particularly needed. Why not pick up a couple of packets of painkillers next time you are shopping?

**CHURCH HEATING**

Our gas church heating and water boilers are now coming to the end of their life and the property and finance committee have been looking at replacements. Being an ECO church we have employed someone to look at the possibility of replacing them with heat pumps. Unfortunately, we have now reluctantly come to the decision that this is not currently an option. Our last working boiler is now inoperable so we are moving quickly to replace the boilers so that we can have a warm church again in the winter. We will, however, still pursue the possibility of solar panels. Please bear with us if there is some disruption during this time.

**Life Cycle: Cycling for health and the environment**

Come join us at **Weymouth Bay Methodist Church** for a fun and informative event all about cycling! Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just starting out, this event is perfect for you. Learn about the benefits of cycling for your health and the environment. Get tips on how to incorporate cycling into your daily routine. Meet fellow cycling enthusiasts and share your passion for two wheels. Don't miss out on this opportunity to pedal towards a healthier lifestyle and a greener planet. See you there!

