

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

**June 2025**

Holy Spirit gift bestower,

Breathe into our hearts today.

Flowing water dove that hovers.

Holy Spirit, guide our way.

Love inspirer joy releaser;

Spirit, take our fears away.

Reconciler peace restorer,

Move among us while we pray.

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Dear Friends

It is this time last year that I first announced that I would be retiring in the summer of 2025. Well the time has passed quickly and departure is only a few weeks away. However, it’s not here yet and there’s still time to spend together on our discipleship journey.

My personal walk with God changed direction many years ago when my minister asked to have a conversation with me about becoming a church steward. Looking back, that conversation changed my life. I had been very happy leading the church catering team but I decided that I would give being a church steward a go, and what I discovered was that I really enjoyed welcoming the gathered congregation to worship. It gave me a real buzz then and it still does now; I regard it as one of my greatest privileges.

Maybe you feel that God might be calling you to something new in your walk with Him. Discerning a vocation can be both exciting and a little scary but thankfully, it’s not something we do alone. If you would like to explore whether the ministry of being a church steward (or any other role in the church) is for you, please do speak to others, particularly myself and others who already hold leadership roles within the life of our church.

The current team of stewards are invaluable to the life of this church, upholding and putting into action decisions made by Church Council, exercising pastoral care and leadership alongside the Minister, holding together in unity the various concerns within the church and encouraging others into appropriate roles. This church really would not operate without them and I am truly grateful for all their hard work and support.

By the time this newsletter goes out, the General Church Meeting will have already taken place but that is not an obstacle to exploring new vocations. Ways can always be found to enable and encourage ministry of all kinds. If you feel that God might be nudging you to get involved in something, in my experience, He won’t stop until you have made a move!

Blessings

Ruth

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

1 June Peter Jenner

8 June Pentecost 10.30 am Chris Warren

 6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien

15 June Jacqui Trent

22 June Rev Lownsbrough HC

29 June Pam Woodland

6 July 10.30 am Rev Peter Clark

 6.30 pm Rev Lownsbrough HC

**CHRISTIAN AID**

We will be able to give you the total amount raised for Christian Aid from the Big Breakfast and Quiz next month.

**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 *–***

During the summer months we shall be meeting for Tea and a Natter at the usual time of 2pm. **These meetings will be open to both men and women.**

The dates are 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 6th June; 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 28th June 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. Next month 26th July.

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening working party will be on Saturday 28th June from 9am to noon. If you would like to help maintain our grounds, please feel free to come and join in. All help gratefully received, you don’t have to come for the whole time. There will be tea, coffee, cake and of course great company.

**CHURCH HEATING**

The property committee reported last month of the need to replace the church heating and water boilers. We have now agreed a quote and work will begin shortly. We do not envisage much disruption, but please be aware that workman may be in the building and take particular care.

 We now will pursue the possibility of solar panels –as well as being ECO friendly it could help us lower our rather large energy bills!!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

The Arts and Crafts Fair at Weybay this year is from Monday 11th August to Saturday 19th August – make a note in your diary.

**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!

