

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

**July August 2025**

Best of all is God is with us

God will hold and never fail’

Keep that truth when storms are raging,

God remains though faith is frail.

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MINISTERS MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Summer has arrived! As I write, today has been the hottest day of the year so far and the sunshine and warm temperatures have brought many to the seaside already. Indeed, Richard & I spent a lovely hour on the beach today with an ice cream, a swim and then reading our books. How blessed we are to live and work so close to such a wonderful beach!

The time is now fast approaching when I will be retiring from full-time active ministry and Richard and I will be moving to Bridport. My last day of work will be on 18th July. We have been truly blessed by our sojourn amongst you and I hope that in some small way we have been a blessing to you too.

It has been a privilege to minister with folks who have a deep desire to show and share the love of God with others. Thank you for welcoming me into the Wey Bay community and for travelling with me as we have worshipped in new ways, taken risks of faith together, wrestled with scripture passages in the study group, laughed and cried, and gathered around the Lord’s table to celebrate Christ’s presence with us.

I want to thank you for your willingness to try new things even when you’re not sure, for your openness and honesty in spiritual things, for your sincere welcome and hospitality shown to anyone who comes through the door at Wey Bay; many have come and stayed because of it.

In particular, I want to thank the stewards for their support and patience, which, on occasions, must have been stretched to almost breaking point, having to give me so many prompts and reminders about all kinds of things 😊. You have surrounded me with love and prayers and I couldn’t have done the work without you all.

My thanks must also go to the entire Church Council of Wey Bay Methodist Church, who have carried out their serving roles diligently over the past five years.

In Isaiah 43: 19, the prophet speaks God’s words of change, ‘I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?’ God’s people have always been caught up in change as God instigates new things. I’ve not come across many people who enjoy the process of change but when that change is at God’s hand, then it is always for our good.

May God guide and enable you as you journey into an exciting future with him and with your new minister, Rev Helen Harrell.

Every blessing Ruth

**FAREWELL MEAL** Sunday 13th July will be the last time Ruth will be with us before she retires. We shall be holding a farewell lunch on that day at 12 30 pm Everyone is welcome to a lunch of Quiche Lorraine potatoes and salad, followed by fruit crumble and custard. The cost £8 (veggie option if you prefer) Sign up at church or ring Jean on 01305782623

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

 6th July Rev P Clark

 6th July 6 30pm Rev Lownsbrough HC

13th July Rev Lownsbrough HC

20 July Rev John Walker

27th July Roger Phillips

 3rd Aug Pam Woodland

10th aug United Service at Lanehouse

17th Aug Rev Konrad

United Service at Wey Bay

17th Aug 6 30pm Rev John Yarrien

24th Aug Rev S Jenner

31st Aug Rev Gwyneth Owen HC

Please note that there will be no service here on 10th August as Weymouth churches will be holding a United Service at our Lanehouse church in Lanehouse Rocks Rd

**AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE** Our crafters have been busy and all are looking forward to coming to Wey Bay for our Annual Craft Fayre. This year it will run from Mon Aug 11th to Saturday Aug 17th 10 00am 3 00pm 2 00pm on Saturday. Of course, we must have the usual bacon butties and homemade cakes on sale. – and start looking out your bric – a brac as we will be asking for it soon.

**TOILET LIGHTS**  Notice to all who use the church toilets!!!!! The lights in the toilets are now on a sensor and will go on and off automatically. – no longer need for notice which says- Don’t forget to switch the lights off!!

**CHRISTIAN AID**  Many thanks to all those who took part in this year's Christian Aid Week fundraising. We ate our way through 30 bacon rolls, lots of cake, tested our brains in the quiz and offered envelope donations. Weybay, together with church donations from Lanehouse and Chickerell, raised a total of £883.97

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**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Coffee Morning** Every Wednesday, 10.00a.m. to 12.00 noon - join us for a warm cuppa, homemade cakes, and great company! You get excellent value for money and a very friendly atmosphere so come along or bring a friend. Stay a short or a long time, it doesn’t matter, we’d love to see you. It’s all in a good cause too – proceeds go to church funds and the food bank.

**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 *–***Duringthe summer months we shall be meeting just once a month for Tea and a Natter at the usual time of 2pm. **These meetings will be open to both men and women.** The dates are 9th July and 6th Aug. Cameo will begin on Sept 3rd Programme out soon.

**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 drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers is on Friday 4th July and 1st Aug. An afternoon of fun with activities, music and of course cake.

More details from Esme on 01305 812637

**Board games afternoon**. These will continue the 4th Saturday of the month. This month 26th July and 23rd Aug 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 appreciate.

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening working party will be on Saturday 26th July 30th Aug 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.

This is taken from Prayers 24-7.

 A guidance for prayer in these difficult times.

 This week, the news has felt heavy. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed or to disengage completely. How can we respond to the news in prayer. We believe in a God of peace and justice who speaks into the chaos:

 G**et Informed** Select one or two stories that stand out to you.

1. Gather the basics of the story from a trustworthy source. What’s happening? Where? Who is affected?
2. **Pray for People** Pray for those who are negatively affected. Notice who your heart is breaking for in the story and begin lifting them to God.
3. **Pray for the Circumstances** As you read the news stories, consider: What are the problems? Ask God to intervene and for God’s presence to be felt.
4. **Pray for those in Power** Who are the decision makers that have an impact? If names are mentioned in the stories you are reading, pause and pray for them.
5. **Pray for the Church**

Who can spread God’s love and God’s hope in the situation? Pray for pastors, churches and all who have influence -that they would be equipped with all they need.

As you engage with difficult news, bring your own emotions before God. He cares deeply about how these stories affect you. Name what you’re feeling, grieve with God, if you need, and take a moment to listen to his prompting and respond.

 Thank you to Anne Hughes for sharing