

The **Methodist** Church

WEYBAY NEWS

A monthly what's on

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Calm me Lord as you calmed the storm;
Still me Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease
Enfold me Lord, in your peace.

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Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from a lovely holiday in Turkey with my sisters at the villa owned by my youngest sister. We don't get together very often because of distance and my other sisters being on grandparenting duties, but it was good to reconnect and to value the importance of family.

It was also good to enjoy the warm October sunshine, swimming in the sea, chilling out by the pool reading a book and eating out together.

The journey home was a bit of a nightmare. Our flight was scheduled to depart at 9.45pm. We had arrived in good time at the airport to beat the rush hour traffic and to give plenty of time for checking in our luggage and passing through security. It was no surprise when the departure information screen showed the flight as being delayed, as we could see the flashes of lightning and hear the rumbles of thunder and we braced ourselves for a potentially bumpy flight. At around 10pm we were called to the departure gate, but when we got there, we were refused entry to the holding area as it was already at capacity. As my brother-in-law had booked special assistance with the airline company, we were permitted to take a seat in the holding area at the next gate. At 11pm, those with the EasyJet app were informed that the flight had been cancelled. Unfortunately, the airport staff hadn't been notified and tried to convince us that plane was still going to take off. Then the emails arrived from the airline, explaining that, due to the storms, the plane that was scheduled to return us to the UK had been diverted to Dalaman and therefore we should try to book overnight accommodation. I was glad that I was travelling with my sister and brother-in-law as I had no internet access nor the app on my phone. My brother-in-law successfully booked two rooms for us at a hotel 5 miles away, but we still had to wait on airport staff to let us know when we could get our luggage and be released from the airport. Naturally, there were a lot of very unhappy people about, especially families with young children, who, like the rest of us, were hungry, thirsty and tired. Close to 1am, we were allowed to make our way from the gate to the

arrivals hall and back through passport control. It took a further 2 hours before luggage began to appear on the carousel.

As in all these situations, where things go wrong, people start talking to one another – mainly to moan about the lack of communication and competence of the airline. It was overhearing the conversation between my sister and one of the other passengers that helped put things into perspective. She pointed out that compared to what other things that are going on around in the world and what other people are suffering, this was nothing. And I thought, “How true”. I may have been tired, hungry and thirsty, but at least I was safe. I knew I had a bed for the night (what was left of it!) and breakfast would be provided. There would be another flight to get me back to the UK and out of pocket expenses would be met.

I reached my hotel at 3:30am, and it didn’t take long before I dropped off to sleep. When I woke, I was able to connect with the hotel WiFi and there was an email from the airline to say our flight would leave at 6pm that evening. It gave my sister and I another chance to meet up for a last coffee with my eldest sister (who was staying on for a couple of extra days) and to have some lunch before returning to the airport.

It is very easy to moan and complain when things go wrong, but if we take a step back for a moment to count our blessings, perspective is restored.

Helen

PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY November:

All morning services are at 10.30am

1 st Nov	Rev Steph Jenner
6,30pm	Rev Helen Harrell – Open Table
8 th Nov	Tim Wells – Remembrance Sunday
6.30pm	Rev Helen Harrell
15 th Nov	Rev Helen Harrell HC
22 nd Nov	David de Gruchy
29 th Nov	Rev Gwyneth Owen
29th Nov	3pm Circuit Advent Carol service United Church
Dorchester	

FAMILY NEWS

The funeral service for Pete Thorne was held at Weymouth Crematorium on 5th October led by Rev John Yarrien. The thanksgiving service for Gerald Taylor was held at Weymouth Bay church on 22nd October after a family service at the Crematorium, again led by Rev John Yarrien. We send our loving sympathy to Peter's wife Hazel and family, to Gerald's wife Elsa and family and also to Charlotte Tourgout following the death of her father. We hold all these dear friends in our prayers. Congratulations to Joyce Raisbeck on the birth of Henry, her 8th great grandchild, a brother for Theo.

CHRISTMAS FAIR November 7th 10 00am-2 00pm. Lots of stalls where you can buy your Christmas presents as well as our usual bacon butties and homemade cakes. There will also be a bric-a-brac stall and profits this year will go to the new Emergency Department Critical Care Unit being built at Dorchester hospital. The Appeal will fund extra facilities such as relatives' overnight accommodation and a patient garden as well as rest accommodation and welfare facilities for staff. If you have any unwanted gifts for this stall Norma will be pleased to receive them from you.

REGULAR EVENTS

WeyBay House Group

1st Tuesday of each month. Meetings will be held at WeyBay church for now starting at 6.30pm until 8.00pm, The next meetings will 3 November and 1 December.

A light supper is served from 6.30pm followed by fellowship, discussion, prayer and bible study. New members are always welcome. Please let Jacqui Trent know you are coming for catering or to ask any questions. We hope to see you there.

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

Coffee Morning Every Wednesday, 10.00a.m. to 12.00 noon - join us for a warm cuppa, homemade cakes, and great company! Excellent value for money, and a very friendly atmosphere so come along or bring a friend. Stay for a short or a long time, it doesn't matter, we'd love to see you. Proceeds to church funds and the food bank.

Grace Notes singing group every Wednesday at 10.30am. New members are always welcome at this very informal group with lots of chat and laughter so why not come and join us. Come and sing and have some fun.

Cameo— alternate Wednesdays from 2 – 3.15 pm
11th Nov – “Champagne in a broken teacup” – with local author Greg Duncan
25th Nov – Desert Island Discs featuring one of our members, Margaret Sibley

A voluntary contribution of £2 per person will be collected at all meetings to cover the cost of speaker and refreshments

Miscellany, the music group meets in the church on 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 Group. Thursday from 2pm – 3pm. Please do consider coming along to this very informal group. We are currently studying the lectionary readings, and will begin an advent course for four weeks on 26th November.

Dementia Cafe:

The next drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers is on Friday 6th November.

An afternoon of fun with activities, and of course cake. 2 00pm – 4 00pm More details from Esme on 01305 812637

Board games

The next Board Games afternoons are Saturday 28th November and 19th December at the usual time of 3 till 5pm. £2 including tea. Please add your name to the list on the notice board.

Garden Gang

The next gardening working party will be on Saturday 28th November 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. Tea, coffee, cake and of course great company.

Circuit Advent Carol Service Sunday 29th November 3pm
United Church Dorchester

The choir at UCD would like to invite any singers from WeyBay who would like to be part of a joint Circuit choir for this service. This would involve leading the carols and singing an anthem. Anyone interested please contact Heather Reed, the Director of Music at Dorchester at Heatherjayne100@gmail.com by 8th November letting her know the number of singers so that she can send copies of the music online.

Looking ahead:

On Saturday 12th December there will be a Christmas tea with musical entertainment beforehand to listen to and sing along with. More details next month.

Our Carol service will be on Sunday 20th December at 3pm
Full details of all other Christmas services in the Circuit next month.