

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

** **July & August 2024**

*In the wonder of creation when all nature shares one song, Showing God’s imagination, all may see his love goes on.*

*Through the Holy Story spoken, of God’s people called as one, Gathered, exiled, saved and broken,*

*This we learn: his love goes on.* STF 110

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Dear Friends,

This time last year, I mentioned in my message that I was planning to make a prayer labyrinth as a means for people to engage in prayer in a different kind of way. The labyrinth is completed now and almost ready to use, just a few issues to work through so that it is safe for everyone to use. I hope that you will get a chance to experience walking the labyrinth sometime in the next couple of months.

Walking a labyrinth is a slow, contemplative activity to do. Later on in the summer the Olympic Games will be opened in Paris, a global festival of so many different sports, showcasing elite competitors, each striving to be the best that they can be and to win a gold medal. For a sports person, the journey to the Olympics is often long and hard and requires absolute dedication to the chosen discipline.

Such a description may also be applied to the life of a disciple following Jesus: the journey is lifelong, not just a career span, with times of elation and times of difficulty. We may often abandon the training plan for what looks like the route to a satisfying goal, only to find that that we are disappointed.

In Hebrews 12: 1-2, Paul uses a sporting analogy to describe a disciple’s life as running the race set before us, having laid aside all that would get in the way of us crossing the finish line. Our trainer, manager and race setter is Jesus. He is the one who has gone before, who knows all about the race, who has experienced the harshest test in order that the prize of life with Jesus always is available to everyone.

Sometimes the race is very hard and we wonder whether we will make it to the end; Paul calls his readers to embrace the trials - ‘lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees’ for you are not alone.

When you watch the athletes giving their all in pursuit of Olympic gold, be reminded of the ultimate prize that awaits each one who crosses the line with Jesus.

I pray that you will enjoy the summer when it arrives!

Every blessing

Ruth

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

7th July Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

14th July 10.30 am Neil Riches (Holy Communion) 6.30pm Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

21st July Jacqui Trent 28th July Tony Boyden

4th August Chris Warren

11th August **No service at WeyBay** – **Circuit service United Church Dorchester**

18th August Rev Ruth Lownsbrough (HC)

25th August Pam Woodland

**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.

**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. This is a very simple time of prayer beginning at 9.50am for about 15 minutes only. Please join us. **If you have a prayer request please fill in one of the blue cards on the tables in the coffee area and put it in the box on the table by the chapel.**

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

**Cameo**

Our regular fortnightly meetings for women will start again on Wednesday 4th September. Till then we will meet at the church for tea and a chat during the summer:

10th July and 7th August at 2 pm.

These sessions are open to men and women

**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**

Will continue to meet each Thursday through July at 2pm. There will be a break during August and the study group will begin again on Thursday 5th September. This is a very informal group with plenty of opportunity for discussion and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

**Dementia Cafe:** Friday 5th July and 2nd August from 2pm – 4pm*.*

An afternoon providing a welcome to visitors and carers for a joyful afternoon of activities and music.

More details from Esme on 01305 812637

**Games and Tea afternoon**

Saturday, 13th July from 3pm

Games afternoon followed by bring and share tea. Come and join in board and card games in the coffee bar. There will be a poster at the back of church for you to add details of your bring and share contributions.  Do think about inviting friends to join us for a fun event.  Ask Jackie for any more details you want.

**Arts and Craft Week**

Our annual Arts and Craft Fair will run from **Monday 12th August to Saturday 17th August 2024,** 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. (2.00p.m. on Saturday).

We will have around 22 stalls, where you will be able to buy cards, jewellery, cushions, hand carved bowls and pens plus other homemade items, which will all make ideal presents. Our popular bric-a-brac stall will be back too. Refreshments, including our well-loved bacon butties and homemade cakes will also be on sale.

Please:-

1. Book the date and come along.
2. In July sign up to help in one of the various roles, where we will need volunteers.
3. Bring Norma any good quality, clean bric-a-brac items which we will be able to sell. We **CANNOT** accept electrical goods, clothing or curtains though.

This is one of our main fundraising activities and we will very much value your support.

***COMING UP AT WEYMOUTH BAY***

Don’t forget that the new season of concerts at the church will be starting again on 28th September with “The Last Night of the Proms” with Weymouth Concert Brass*. .*

**Weymouth Foodbank** is an independent charity set up by the Baptist church in Weymouth and now run by a board of trustees of the Anglican, Methodist and Baptist churches in the town.  Money is very tight for everyone right now, but if you can make a monetary gift or donate food it is much needed.  Money can be given on: www.weymouthfoodbank.co.uk/monetary+donations

Or, if you would like to give regularly, Jacqui Trent will let you have the bank details.  Thank you.

**Hot food for the homeless- Feeding on the Bridge**

Once a month a small band of Methodists and friends cook a hot meal and serve it to the homeless on Westham bridge in Weymouth, on a Saturday night.  (Fourth Saturday in the month).  Other churches cover the other Saturdays, and a different group do a similar thing on Thursdays and Fridays.   Each month, one person cooks a hot main course, another provides cake and fruit and Tracy Winder, our organiser provides tea, coffee and hot chocolate.  The team could do with a boost in numbers.  If you think this is something you could do, even as a supporter on the night, please get in touch.  You are not committed to be there every month.

**Afghan families at Chickerell Camp**

There is a need for good condition cycle helmets for the children using the camp as a temporary home.  Do you have any lurking in cupboards unused?  Let me know and I will arrange collection.

Jacqui



The WeyBay News team wishes everyone a very happy summer.

We will be back in September.