

**WEYBAY NEWS**

**A monthly what’s on

 **February 2025**

 May the God of hope go with us every day Filling our lives with love and joy and peace May the God of justice speed us on our way Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

 Hymn 411

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Dear Friends

As I write, it’s halfway through January but it’s not too late to wish you a peaceful and blessed 2025. I wonder what you are looking forward to this year?

One of the things that I’m looking forward to is going to be happening quite soon. A professional theatre production of ‘The Hiding Place’, the story of Corrie Ten Boom, is coming to Wey Bay Methodist Church for just one night on Saturday 15th February 7pm.

Oddments Theatre Company brings ‘The Hiding Place’ - the inspirational and heart wrenching testimony of Corrie ten Boom - to life in their latest production. Corrie, born on April 15, 1892 in Haarlem, Holland, and her Christian family are outraged at the German occupation in the Second World War, and the constant persecution of the Jewish community. Her sister, Betsie, and father, Casper, join Corrie and thousands of others in the unceasing resistance of God’s underground. Their refusal to stand by and watch the Nazi’s horrendous onslaught, and their faith that prevails throughout their subsequent suffering of the Second World War’s darkest terrors, continues to inspire all of those who encounter Corrie’s incredible story.

Oddments are one of the few full-time Christian Theatre Companies in the UK. Based in Yeovil, Somerset, they are a registered charity reaching out to churches, schools, and prisons. The Hiding Place is currently brought to you by a production team of performers who, alongside an exciting, rotating stage set, music, and lively stage action, will make you laugh before they make you cry. Rated 5 stars by audience members, you will not be disappointed by this passionate story of God's love and hope in amidst an environment of darkness and brutality.

Described by the audience as - "a powerful performance showing how God's love can overcome hatred and evil” and - “an inspiration to us all", we can guarantee it is a show not to miss. Corrie and her family’s incredible story is timeless, and Oddments truly capture the Christian message in a new and encouraging way.

The play is rated a five star show consistently by our audiences.

What the audience say:

“Outstanding performance, I highly recommend it. If you’re near a performance… it’s a must see. Brilliantly done.”

“It was brilliant. I went not knowing what to expect, but I was confronted with a very moving and emotional play.”

“It was excellent. A very moving portrayal of the story. Well done.”

Tickets are available in church at Wednesday coffee morning, Sunday service or by phoning Rev Ruth Lownsbrough – 01305 820489. Please leave a voice message if no response.

Ticket per person: £14 in advance, £16 on the door

Tickets are also available online at www.oddments-theatre.co.uk

I do hope that many of you will be able to come to the performance, which promises to be truly memorable. It’s a great opportunity too to invite a friend or family member who is thinking about what God, faith and hope might mean for them.

Every blessing

Ruth

PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY for the coming weeks:

2nd February Rev Ruth Lownsbrough HC

9th February Chris Smith

16th February Rev J Wilson

23rd February Peter Jenner

SPECIAL SERVICE There is a service here at Wey Bay on 2nd February to Celebrate the Signing of the Covenant between

Dorset South & West Methodist Circuit and

Hope and Radipole United Reformed Churches, Weymouth

This will be at 4 30pm. Refreshments will be served following the service and it would be good to see as many people as possible so that we can begin to get to know each other.

CHURCH NEWS

Our thoughts are with the family of Gordon Wood who died mid-January. The circuit will remember him for his inspiring messages as a local preacher. Over the years he took circuit and district rolls and was also a great supporter and listener. He will be greatly missed.

GOODS FOR UKRAINE. Heather is collecting things for people to take to Ukraine. She is collecting warm hats, scarves, gloves etc.  also medical items, pain killers from over the counter and aids to walking. If you have any of these things, if you could bring them to church or on Wednesday coffee they can be collected. She needs them by the 3rd week in February. Thank you

CONCERTS

1st Feb Mike Denham

8th March Bridport Big Band

£12 on the door or £10 in advance from Pete 01305 812637

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

**Cameo *-*** our regular fortnightly meeting for Ladies

 Feb 5th we will have a talk from a member of the Women’s Voluntary service to hear of their work and

 Feb 19th Chris Elgar will tell us about The Taylors Cats Rehoming service (she will NOT bring cats!!!!! )

**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:**

On Friday 7th February we have our drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers, 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 22nd Feb 3 00pm -5.00pm

£2 light refreshments included

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session will be on Saturday 22nd Feb from 10am to noon. Please feel free to come and join in – there will be refreshments.

God will guide you.

The Lord is my shepherd

I have everything I need

He lets me rest in fields of green grass

And leads me to quiet pools of fresh water

He gives me new strength

He guides me in the right paths

As he has promise d

I know that your goodness and love

Will be with me all my life

And your house will be my home as long as I live

Psalm 23 1-3 6 Good News Translation

Taken for “Blessings from the Psalms” one of series of books in wey bay side chapel