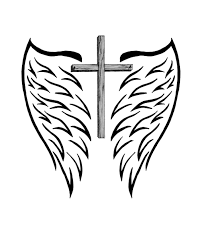


**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

*[](about:blank)* **October 2024**

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.

David Adam

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Dear Friends,

Writing in mid-September, there is a distinct nip in the air today, reminding me that Autumn is on its way, although I’m still hoping for another warm spell before the season of mellow fruitfulness gives way to a time of death and decay.

It is said by some that talking about human death and dying is one of the last taboo subjects. Many people are reluctant to venture into that sphere of conversation.

I read a book recently entitled, ‘With the End in Mind’, written by Kathryn Mannix, a palliative care consultant who has worked in hospices, hospitals and peoples’ own homes. The book is full of real-life stories in which the author has walked alongside and helped those who were dying; helped them and their loved one to understand the journey towards death and in so doing, enabled people to truly live in whatever time they had left.

As a minister, I’m often in the privileged position of being invited into the company of those who have been bereaved, to guide and support them through a difficult time and to plan a funeral. We share in conversations about the person who has died and what to include in a funeral service that will honour their life and proclaim the hope of the Christian faith; life always with Jesus. However, I often come away from such meetings thinking that there is more that could be offered to prepare people for death and dying, as well as to provide support to those who are bereaved.

There are several organisations with resources, whose aim is to get people talking about death, dying and funerals, including the following:

Grave Talk – a resource published by the Church of England. [www.chpublishing.co.uk](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk)

Death Café – [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com)

If you would be interested in attending an event at Wey bay Methodist Church, to explore this subject in greater depth in an informal, relaxed setting, please do let me or one of the stewards know.

Meanwhile, let’s give thanks to God for the gift of life itself, both now and always.

Every blessing

Ruth

**PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY for October:**

6th October J Trent

13th October 10 30am Rev Rachel Bending

6.30pm Rev Yarrien

20th October Rev Ruth Lownsbrough HC

27th October Rev Riches

3rd November Richard Lownsborough

On 13th Oct we are privileged to have Rev Bending taking our service. She is the new chairman of our district and was only appointed in September.

On 20th Oct Rev Ruth will include in the service the Annual Commissioning for Pastoral Visitors.

**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.

**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 women

Oct 2nd our speaker is Ian Brooke a volunteer at the Nothe Fort. – who has lots of tales to tell about the Forte.

Oct 16th Liam from Live well Dorset will tell us about free services we can access to help our health and wellbeing.

Oct 30th will be an afternoon with the Harbourmaster who will tell us about his job and the importance of the harbour.

Very interesting afternoons in store for October.

**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. Concert coming soon. See details in Whats on

**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 4th October 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

**Arts and Craft Week**

Lots of good came out of our Arts and Craft week, with many remarks about the happy friendly atmosphere.

Final financial figures are now available. The café made a profit of £1423. Bacon butties are still popular!! And the bric a brac made £1054. The stall holders contributed £209. Our bric a brac monies this year went to the Bus Shelter and Diabetics UK There is lots of preparation and hard work needed to run something like this. Our grateful thanks to the organizers who do an amazing job and to all who volunteered (or were cajoled) into the many jobs needed throughout the week. Plans are already afoot for next year.!!!!!!

**Whats on**

**Musical Afternoon**

On Saturday 5th Oct at 3 30pm there will be a musical afternoon and tea, with our very own “Miscellany Band”

This will be followed by a tea of sandwiches jam and cream scone and cake. The charge will be £5 with profits going to the food bank.

Advance booking required either on notice board or phone Pete 01305812623

**Concerts at Weybay**

The concert this month is on 19th Oct at 7 30pm with the Moonlight Swing Band.

Tickets go quickly so see Pete to book.

**Christmas Craft Fayre**

This will be on Saturday November 9th 10.00am-2.00pm A time to buy your Christmas presents. There will be usual Craft Stalls as well as our now famous bacon butties, teas and coffee and cakes This will also support the Food Bank

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session will be on Saturday 26th October from 10am to noon. Please feel free to come and join in – there will be refreshments. A recent Bible reading at a Sunday service was from the Message Bible seem to come more direct sometimes. This passage is a message for us all.

Message Bible

James 3 1:00 to 12:00

When you open your mouth

Don't be in a rush to become a teacher my friends, Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest standards, and none of us is perfectly qualified. We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths. If you find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person, in perfect control of life.

A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything-- or destroy it!

It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the whole world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

This is scary: You can tame a lion, but you can't tame a tongue- it’s never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father. With the same tongues we curse the very men and women He made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

My friends this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush freshwater one day and brackish the next, does it? Apple trees don't bear strawberries, do they? Raspberry bushes don’t bear apples, do they? You're not going to dip into polluted mudhole and get a cup of clear cold water, are you?